This is who we are;
Tomorrow's shining stars
And even the mountains bow to us
As we paint the skies...

come dream with us

2009

boston arts academy

A Public High School for the Visual and Performing Arts

The Boston Arts Academy, a pilot school within the Boston Public Schools, is charged with being a laboratory and a beacon for artistic and academic innovation. The Boston Arts Academy prepares a diverse community of aspiring artist-scholars to be successful in their college or professional careers and to be engaged members of a democratic society.

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Dear Boston Arts Academy class of 2009,

It has been a wonderful fun-filled journey with all of you here at BAA. I am proud of all that you have accomplished here. I know for some of you getting to graduation has not been easy. I admire your tenacity and persistence. I acknowledge the support that you have given one another. You are a strong class. You are good friends to each other.

I am excited by what you will go on to achieve after high school through your studies at colleges and universities. I also hope that you will continue your involvement in the arts-whether as an occupation or a vocation or as a supporter of the arts. Most of all, I hope you continue to care about making sure that your communities are places where the arts grow and thrive. You know how important a rich arts education is to young people. Now, it is your responsibility to make sure that the young people coming after you have similar experiences. The arts are for all-not just a few.

Remember what we have impressed upon you here at BAA- our mantras of RICO, artist-scholar-citizen, shared values. Carry these acronyms and phrases into your adult lives as amulets or shields to protect you and help you continue to grow and learn. It matters that you refine your work; it's important to create and be inventive. You understand that to do work well, at any level, you must have a sense of ownership and pride. Sometimes we call that "seriousness of purpose." Sometimes we have tried to help you feel sense of pride or ownership even when you don't feel proud. that's important to learn, too. Remember, also, to connect to your work and to the work that came before you and the work that will come after you. Vision with integrity means something to you because you have a BAA education. Don't forget that.

I expect great things from all of you. Yes, I want to hear that some of you are chairing the boards of community arts organizations like Zumix, or Artists for Humanity or larger organizations like Boston Symphony Orchestra or the Huntington Theatre. But, I also want to know that you are composing music, choreographing, curating, painting exhibiting, writing. I want to know that you are doing science experiments in laboratories, teaching in elementary or secondary school classrooms, running businesses, running for political office, and the list goes on.

Most important, I want to know that you are caring for one another, your families, and those in society who haven't had your good fortunes of such a great education. Don't forget that we need you to be involved in giving back to BAA as alumni-yes that means giving money!

Keep your passions alive. Nurture your friendships and remember the transformative power of the arts!

With love and admiration,

Ms. Nathan, Co-Headmaster, May 2009

Dear Boston Arts Academy Class of 2009,

What an amazing four years these have been! When you first arrived in fall 2005 the nation was just beginning to come to terms with Hurricane Katrina and all the political and social fallout from the events that followed that terrible catastrophe. The Bush administration was also beginning a second term while the XBOX 360 was introduced and frenzy ensued. This is how your journey at BAA begun.

Soon after that you took BAA by storm and went on the Artist-Scholar-Citizen roller coaster. There have been highs and lows for each of you over the last four years and many of you had to hold on really tight and even hold your breath sometimes to meet the demands in both your arts and academics. More importantly, you refused to give up and didn't settle for anything less than a BAA diploma. You have owned your setbacks but have not let them deter you from your goals. You have refined those practices that held you back. You have connected your present actions with your future vision for yourselves and you have invented a unique identity for yourselves as a BAA class. You showed us who you all are and who you want to be and made us believe you.

The world has changed much since you came to BAA four years ago. We elected a President who encourages us to believe in the audacity of Hope. I urge you to continue to go one step beyond hope and to create the highest, grandest vision possible for your life because you become what you believe you can be. You the Class of 2009 have truly earned your status as a BAA graduate. I applaud your tenacity and resilience.

Congratulations class of 2009! Continue your growth as Artists-Scholars-Citizens.

Respectfully and Lovingly!

Ms.Torres
Co-Headmaster, May 2009

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Ms. Nathan

Ms. Pullen,
Ms. Chourafa
Ms. Hughes

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Mr. James and Mr. Connolly

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Mr. Manning and Mr. Paull

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Mr. Bobrow, Ms. Eriksson

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Ms. Conrad, Mr. Njoku,
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World Language Department

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Ms. Mantel, Ms. de la Rosa

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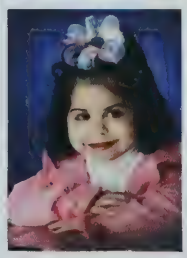
Ms. Browder, Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Ojeda, Mr. Zadok,
Ms. Lakshmi, Mr. Rivera,
Ms. Brelling

BABY PICS

Alex
Bianca
Christian
Fedner
Anita
Taychon



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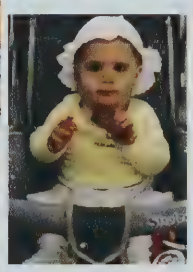
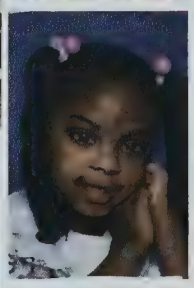

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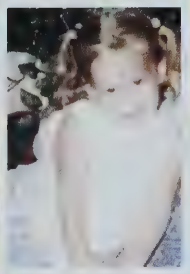
Cara
Lisa
Kenny



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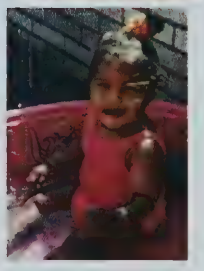
Catrice
Jamila
Emily



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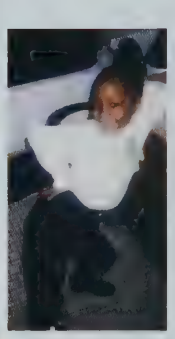
Roni
Darren
Stephone



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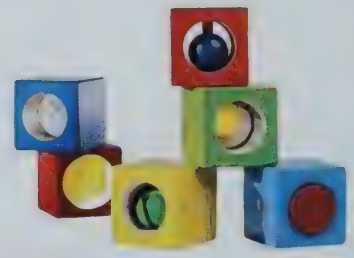

BABY PICS

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Maya
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Rachel
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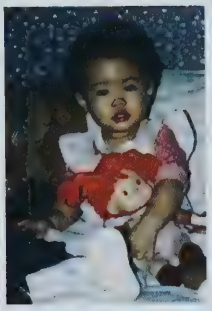
Tiana
Phania



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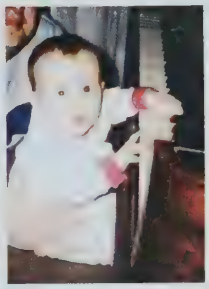
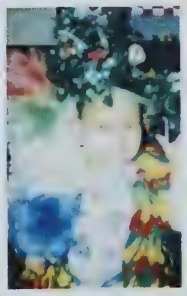
Vicky
Renee

Stephanie
Josephine
Ndu
Sandy
Reno





Shavon
Julia
Karen
Taylor D.
Shaniece
Elyas

Remember Freshman

This is who

Year `05

We were...

Victoria Ajene

Jamila Alleyne

Julia Andreasson

Nicholas Anzaldi

Julian Arroyo-Montano

Maya Baca

Antonio Barbosa

Brett Bell

Joanie Bennett

Shakima Bowie

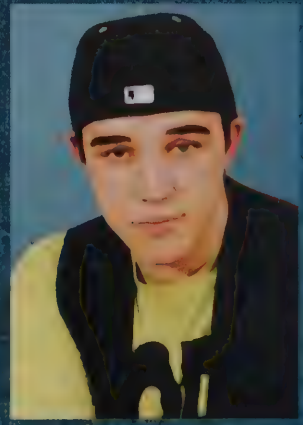
Darren Brown

Stephanie Buonopane

Sakina Cain

Hannah Campolo-Rich

Shakara Carter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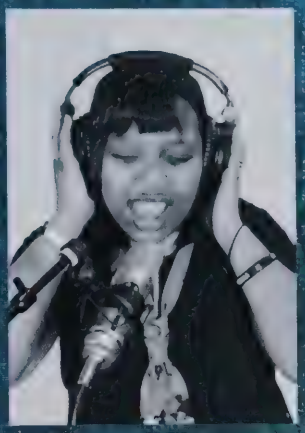
Mary Chumra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Juwonni Cottle

Bianca DiStefano

Fedner Dorrelus

Ernest Dudley

Taylor Duross

Johnny Eng

Jamynique Ertha-Pryor

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Joseph Fox

Kervin Germain

Julia Goodman

Taila Greer

Elyas Harris

Jared Harrison

Yajaira Hernandez

Chris Juris

Rachel Klein

Anita Lanzo

Danielle Lennox-Heichman

Taychon Little

Alexandria Malvo

Renee Marrone

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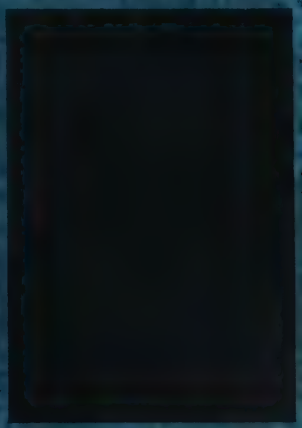
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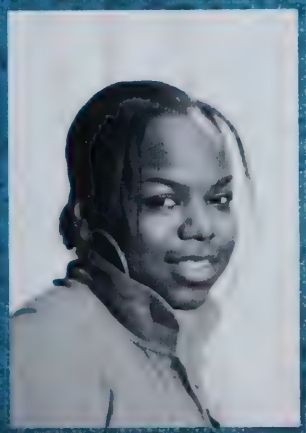
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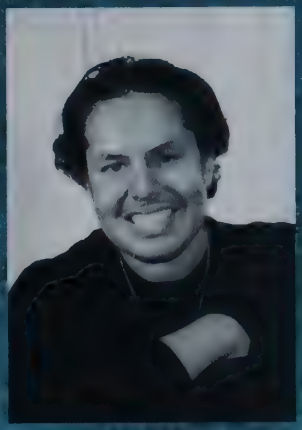
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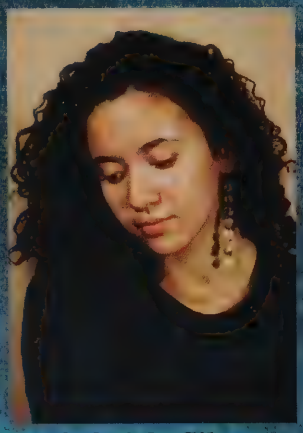

Gabriela Silva

Lisa Silva-Rosa

Tiana Sutherland

Jade Thacker

Kiara Thomas

Kenneth Walker

Shavon Webb

Shay'Lawna Williams

Josephine Yu

....and this is who we BECAME

Senior Class of '09

DANCE FACULTY

from left to right:

Mr. McLaughlin, Ms. Chan, Mr. Ramsey, Ms. Jimenez, Ms. Pollard-Thomas

Brett Bell

Shakima Bowie

DANCE IS MY LIFE

2009

Class of 2009!

What can I say ? I am going to miss y'all. It's hard to say good bye for the one that I love. Although we fused and fight we always had love for each other. So here is my good bye and bubbly love! Best wishes and good luck on your future!

Love always

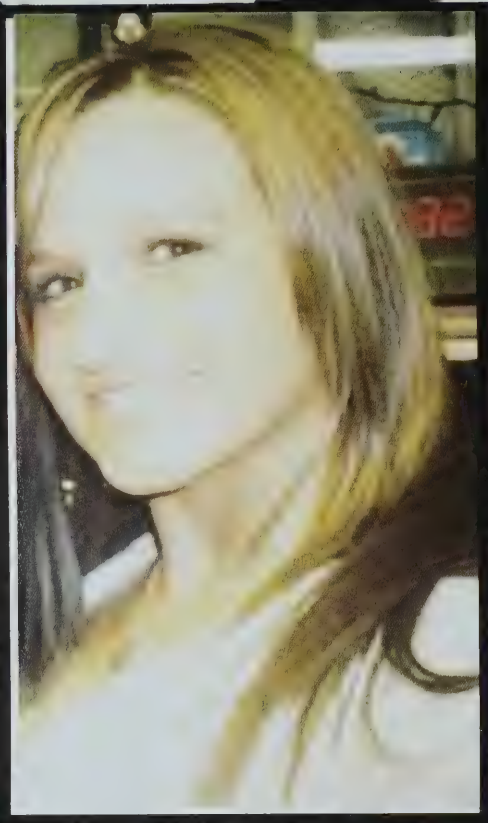
~KAREN~

"YOU BETTER GO HEAD!!"

KOW KOW KOW!!!!

bianca

2009



bianca is class of 2009

✌ ♥ party.

about me:

r.i.p papa
you will *always* be
loved & remembered

watch closely
I may
do
a
TRICK!
09
FEDNER
It's time for the HAT & GLOVE . . .

" Phan Phan"

My BFF

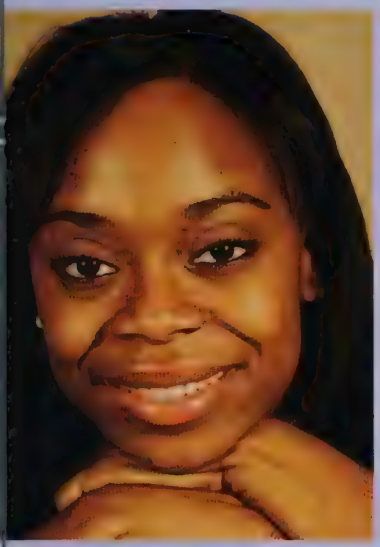
To my class of 2009 here is my last good byes!!!

I am going to miss you all, we have had a lot of good and bad times together just know that i still love you us.

ME & FED

LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE, LESSONS LEARNED, MEMORIES MADE.

2009



To my class of 2009...
Through the good, the bad, the happy and the sad, i just want to say that B.A.A was the place to be. This is the place in which I met my bestfriends, learned important life lessons and created great memories. I wish everyone the best in their future and Good Luck!

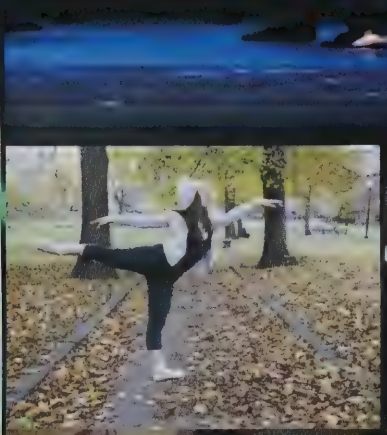
To my Bestfriends (*Catrice, Natia, Ndu, Elyas)....
Thank you so much for always being there for me; No matter what...Your support has helped get through alot of hard times... i love each and everyone of you and appreciate all that you do for me.

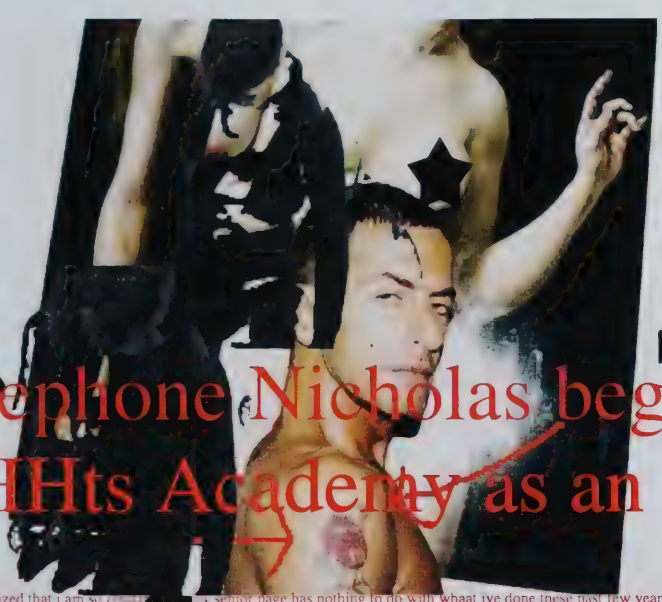
-Toda

RACHEL

Dance is the hidden language of the soul.

-martha graham





Stephone Nicholas began the BOSTON aHHts Academy as an artist without a cause.

I have realized that i am so c[illegible] senior page has nothing to do with whaat ive done these past few years. This page is more about about all the art im going to make in my **Future.**

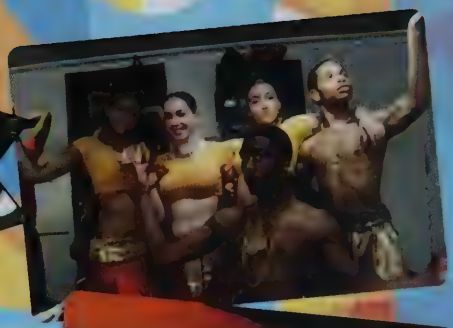
OPUOPGA

GABI GABI

GABI GAB

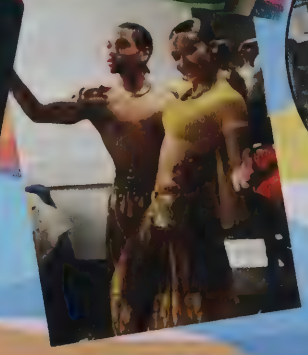
Taylor Oliveira

Takiya Richardson



Live well.
Learn plenty.
Laugh often.
Love much.

- Ralph W. Emerson



Love, Gabi

MUSIC FACULTY

from left to right:

Mr. Parris, Mr. Holt,
Ms. Willer, Mr. Clauhs,
Mr. Sutton, Mr. Colby

Once you've been tagged, you are supposed to write a note with 25 random things, facts, habits, or goals about you.

1.) i'm an outrageous procrastinator. its just sad...but somehow i always get things done...&& done well? idk how that works
2.). i play the flute but i cant stand the piccolo. weird? yes.
3.) i think that BAA has the most attractive faculty in the WORLD! ;]
4.) whenever my crew goes out to eat dinner we always say its someone's birthday `cuz we're cheapskates and we want the free desert...
5.)i have a "white boy" fetish. i think they're GORGEOUS
7.) i always tend to fall in love with guys in books <3333
8.) me && Mac computers DO NOT get along. >=/
9.) i never wear sneakers...i dont own them. if you bought me a pair i probably STILL wouldnt wear them. Its either heels or flats. i can && *do* wear heels in any type of weather
10.) scary movies make me laugh
11.) i can make anything sound perverted. why yes, its a talent =P
12.) i have a fake/polite voice that i use w| ppl i dont know or when i'm on the phone...i usually dont notice that i'm doing it.
13.) i love to shop for OTHER people.
14.) i am a complete and utter "re-re" when it comes to simple math (ex. adding, subtracting ,god forbid FRACTIONS... etc)... yet for some odd reason i ended up in math 5 doing calculus...wth?!
15.) i CANT use public restrooms...*G-ROSS*!
16.) i still keep a journal/diary just to document my life. I like to look back and see how things have changed and recall all the memories
17.) i watch Bollywood films with the subtitles on && sing songs that i dont understand LOL.
18.) none of my friendships make sense. none of us are compatible in any way. for the most part we don't even like each other...but thats just how it works. lol
19.) i use SAT words for fun =]
20.) i collect US Weekly && COSMOPOLITAN magazines <3
21.) i'm always right...seriously lol.
22.) i have an alter ego named Felisha. She's fierce. She's also extremely vicious...you really dont want to mess with her >=[
23.) my food absolutely CANNOT touch on my plate. the only food that i like together is mac & cheese and PB & J...no joke.
24.) lockiophobia-fear of childbirth. its my ultimate fear && the reason ill NEVER have kids
25.) **i <3 the CLASS OF `09!!** its been a lot of fun && ill miss you all soooooooo much!

In this note: Wifey, Twin[illegible]Lis, [illegible]Amaly, Lay, Dave-shine, Michael, [illegible]yPay, Nick, Saraan [illegible], Da[illegible]ra, Ely, CatRice, Scooper, Rey, Mariano, Liz, Ja[illegible] Shanice, Kacey, Louis, Yoyo, Gustavo, Tati, M[illegible] Veiss-Rowe, Mr.Lennie, Ms. Conrad, Mr.Ali, Mr.Holt, Ms. [illegible] Sull[illegible], Mr. [illegible], Ms. O, !
My great bu[illegible] verybody [illegible]!!!

Individuality

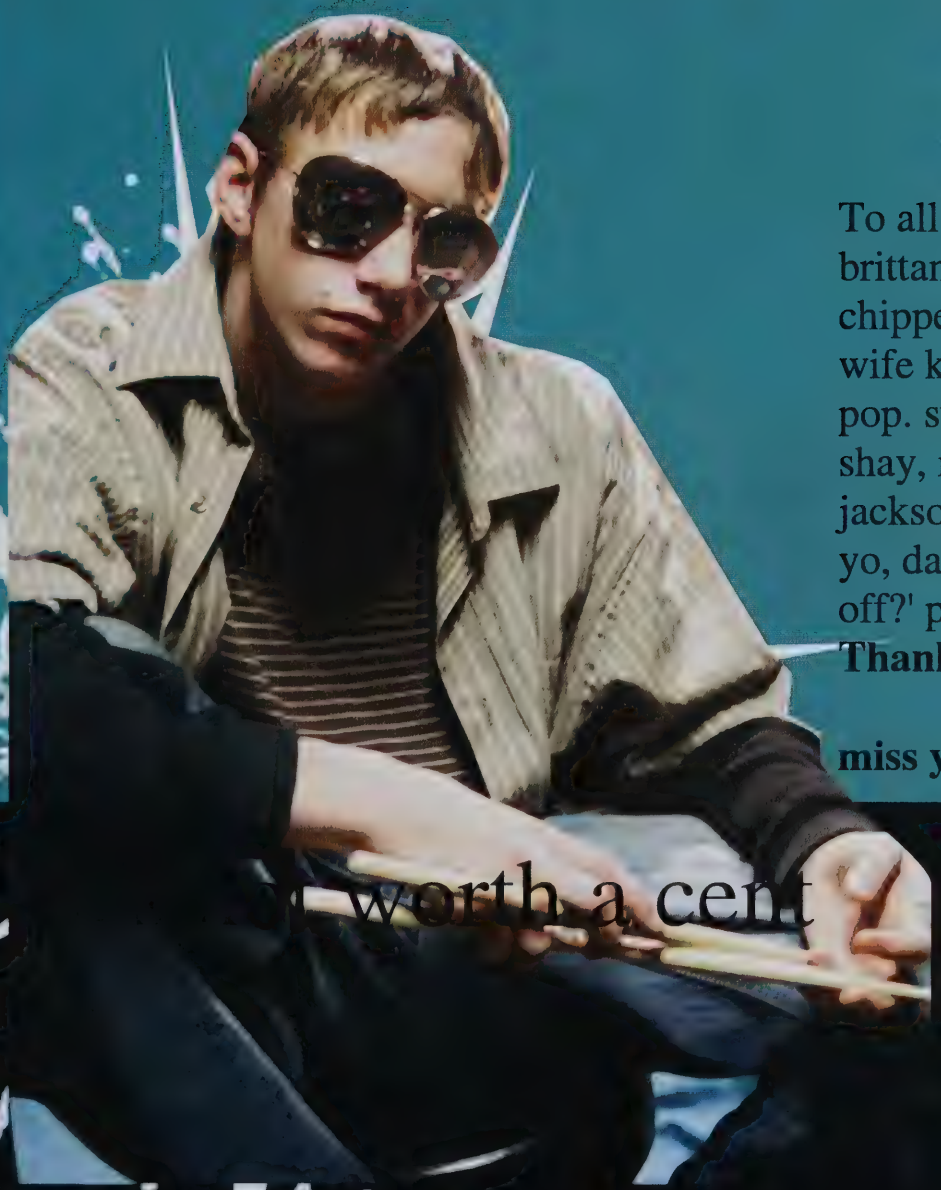
i a n or' [illegible] am differenti stand out i am unique

NICK ANZALDI

the most random kid you will ever meet....

To all my friends:
brittany, yildirim, jahlisa, the chipper one, brion rock-lobster, my wife kat, eishole, max, cristina, pop. stephone, sandy, vicky, alex, shay, mouse, dangles, VQM, jackson mann, sarina mazella, yo-yo, dawn, kevin 'where do you get off?' paquette.
Thanks for a great 4 years, i will

miss you all...



worth a cent

peace out, baa.

Joanie Bennett

Boston Arts Academy
Class of 2009

D. Brown

Park Boyz

2009

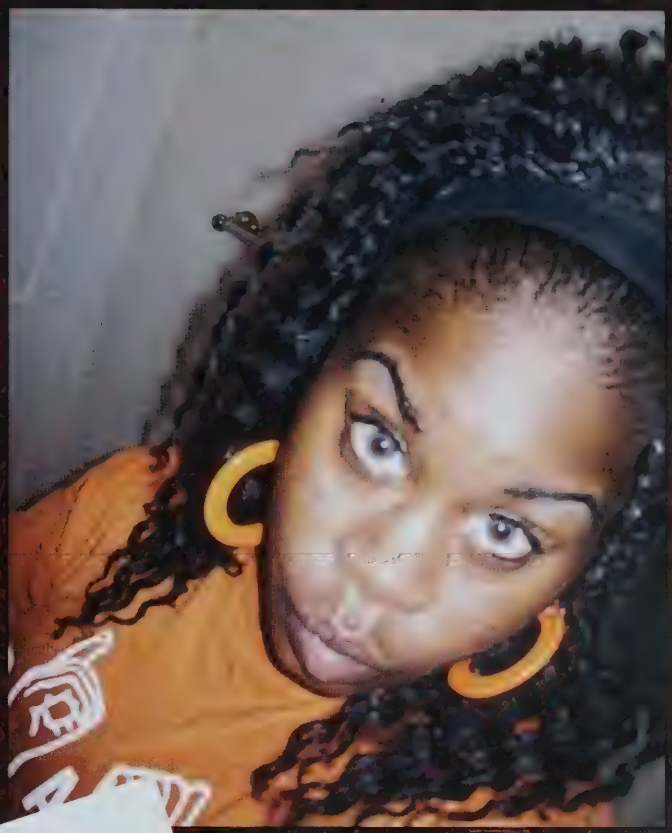
T.R.I.Y Records

"No matter how careful you are, there's always going to be the sense that you missed something, the collapsed feeling under your skin that you didn't experience it all. There's that fallen heart feeling that you rushed right through the moments where you should have been paying attention."
- Chuck Palahniuk

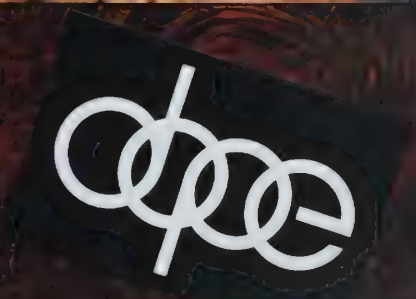
Steph B

dream as if you'll live forever
live as if you'll die tomorrow

rush on over



.....to kina cuz she be da leader trust n believe ha...When she say she be dat diva



FOr my shirt...

09' is the best!!! The year was hard and the students were annOying but I managed tO maintain and nOt gO crazy. MemOries will be missed and the disliked will be dissed. NOsa, shOut Out tO my peeps Tay& JOsephine. Imma miss the hell Outta yall! Im soooooo glad Im leaving! Peace Bi*@#*$! yall already knOw MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB!

Sakina Cain

CHMURA

well i guess this is growing up...

To the amazingly talented class of 2009.
IT has been a crazy 4 years full of good times and bad times that we can grow from and will only make us stronger. I wish you all the best and I know you will be successful in whatever you do.
Congrats!

♥ Chmura

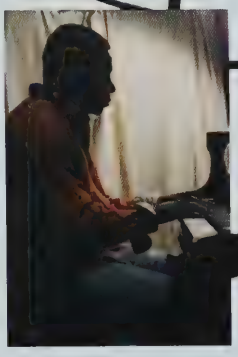
While the game is being played... that shall not fade
Cotrice
Reminisce
Reminisce
0911 we right here
always and forever
we my goonies
SUN-MAID
NATURAL CALIFORNIA
RAISINS

Ernest Efficial Dudley
President of T.R.I.Y. Records

Started in 2007 with Efficial as the President, TRIY is now comprised with 5 artists, all of whom produce and compose their own music.

TO MY FELLOW CLASSMATES

It has been a long and tough road to get to where we are at today. From this point on, the choices that we make will now only be made by ourselves and ourselves ONLY. I know after graduation I will loose contact with most of you. That's ok though!! It's good to experience life without the people you have been around the past four years. So with that peace out and go make somthing out of yourselves!!!!!



"Keep writing and keep hustling...YOU ON IT"
-Rob Lewis [MD for NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK]
" Clear passion comes through, nice lines man"
- George Watsky

TO MY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND OF COURSE MY TIGHT CIRCLE FRIENDS, THANKS FOR HELPING ME GET THROUGH ALL THE BS THAT I WENT THROUGH. YOU GUYS HAVE REALLY SHAPED THE PERSON THAT I AM TODAY. THAT'S REAL AND FROM THE HEART YALL. AND TO THE T.R.I.Y RECORD FAMILY, LETS KEEP GRINDING AND GET WHERE WE BELONG. ON TOP!!!
[WWW.MYSPACE.COM/EFFICIALPRODUCTIONS] HIT ME UP!!!

Best friends.
SENIORS '09

It is what it is... Class of 2009

A Lil Girl to a Woman

Chris Juris

Bird Lives!!!

"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

I wish everyone the best of luck in the future, and I look foward to working with all of you as artists.

cool guy
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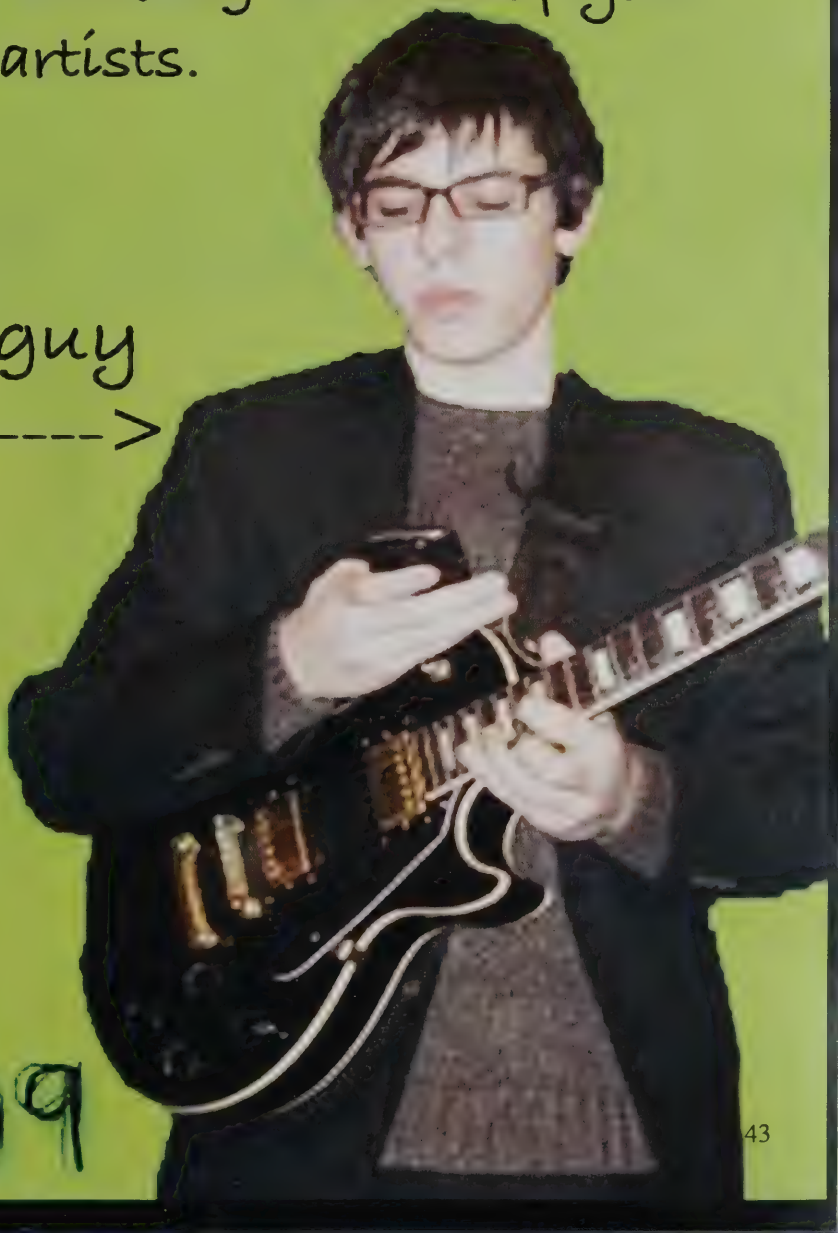


Class of 2009

CLASS of 2009

Attitude
Nice
Intelligent
Talented
Artistic
Lovely

I Hope that the Class of 2009 has a well blessed life! Good Luck in the future!

Anita L.

Em zzrit alit laor sit euguer ate vullutpat.

Fun.Laughs.Love.Dreams.Tears.Music.Highschool

To my best:
Lay aka Doodle- I love u so much girl. u have always had my back and I know I can always come 2 u for anything =]. U kno we make he best cookies, cupcakes, and cakes (even if I cant draw snowflakes and u have 2 mix all the batter with ur hands). But 4 real..i love u and I kno ur gonna be great. We've had the best memories and college isn't about 2 stop that. I LOVE YOU! <3

Amaly aka Dippy. Gurl...friend...(gurlfriend get it? hahahaha =p).....we've been through it all. But through all the bad there was way 2 much good 2 let it stop us. I love u girl. U can always make me laugh. I swear I can't ever be serious around u!!.I love u so much and we all kno ur gonna be great =]. (u so smart =p). Much love always girl <3

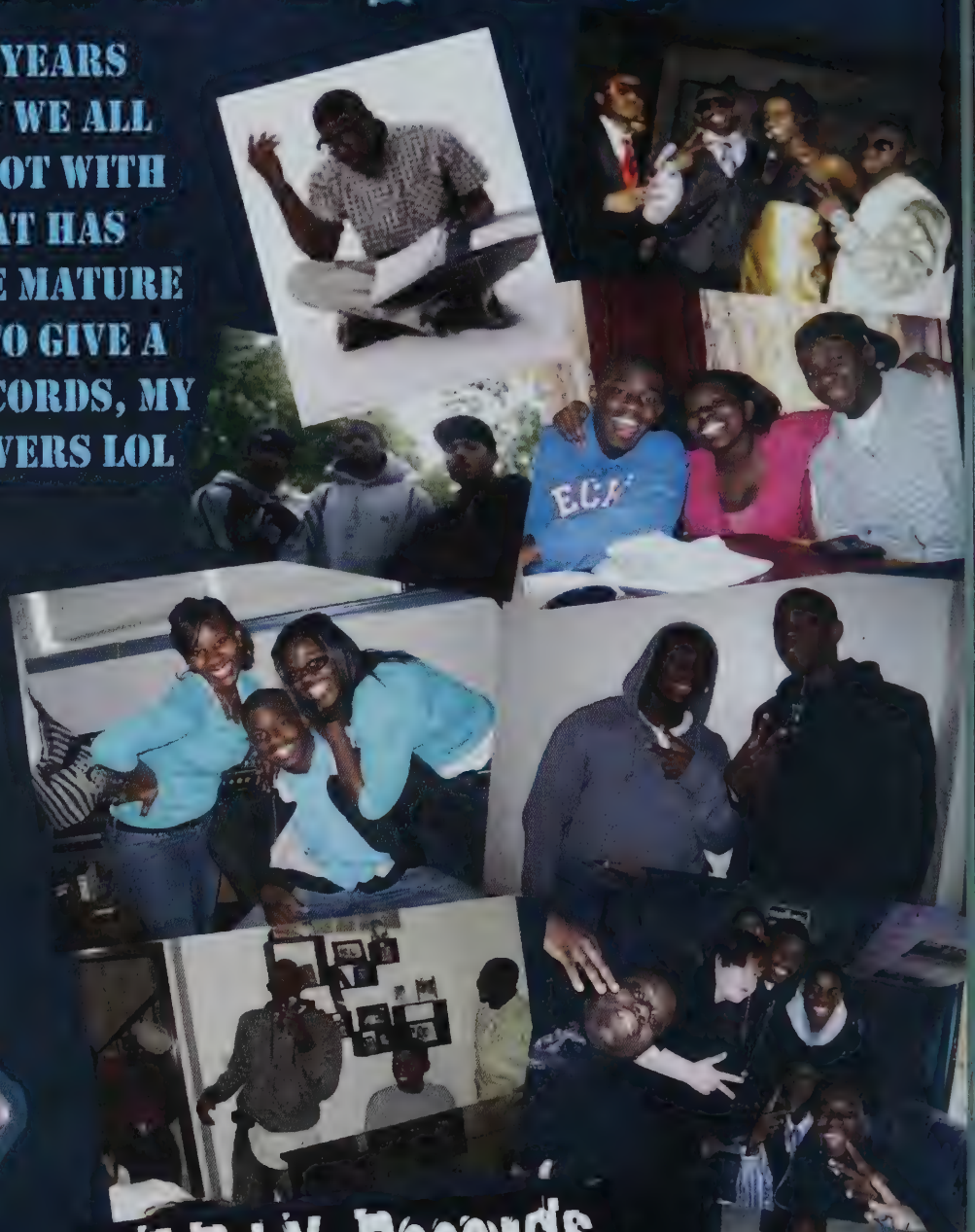
Neese. Uve been my girl since that first day of orientation =]. I kno u always have my back and I can talk 2 u about anything. I love u girl .ur one of the strongest ppl i know and I kno ur gonna be great in whatever u do. much love girl <3

Danielle
2009

TALCHON

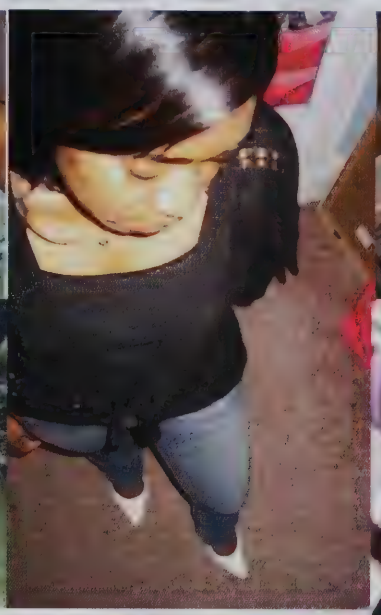
CLASS OF 09

OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS IT HAS BEEN A JOURNEY WE ALL HAVE BEEN THROUGH ALOT WITH EACHOTHER...AND THAT HAS TAUGHT ME TO BE A MORE MATURE YOUNG ADULT...I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO T.R.I.Y RECORDS, MY SAILORS, AND ALL MY LOVERS LOL

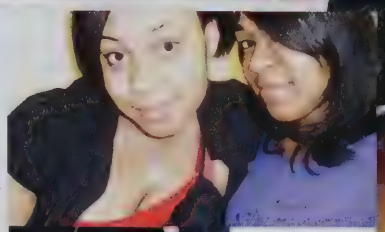


T.R.I.Y. Records
(Da Movement)

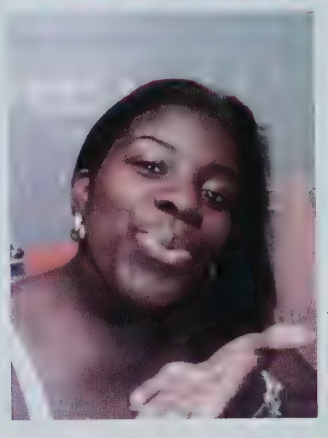
ALEXANDRIA MALVO



High school is finally over. I have enjoyed my time here and learned so much. High school has changed me in many ways some I never expected. I met some incredible people and I wouldn't be who I am today if it wasn't for them. I would like to acknowledge my closest friends, Vicky Ajene, Shavon Webb, Sandy Quispe, Jahlisa Rawles, Lisa Rosa, Nick Anzaldi, Brett Bell, Gabriela Silva and Shaylawna Williams. If your not mentioned it doesn't mean I don't care about you. I also got to give a shout out to all my senior vocal girls. I'll miss all of you guys!!! I didn't forget about my favorite juniors Marling and Louis!!! I'll especially miss these faculty members: Mr. Clauhs, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Lonergan, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Ali, Ms. Jones, Mr. Colby, Mr. Holt, Mr. Parris, Ms. Conrad, Ms. Mantel, Mr. Anhalt and my advisor Ms. Clark. :)



Ashwa Marshall
"MISS PINK"

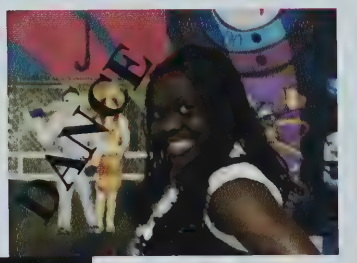


LOVE
PINK

IMAGINE

Being at BAA for four years has taught me sooo much about people and life. I love all of my SEXY CLASS OF 2009… and I will never forget you guys

PEACE, LOVE, RESPECT AND PINK KISSES
Ashwa Marshall
~MISS PINK~

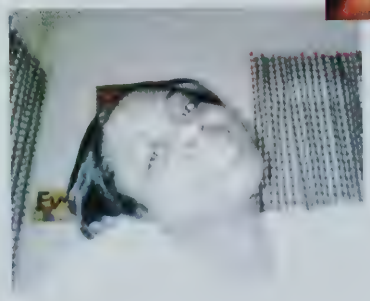


DREAM

MUSIC

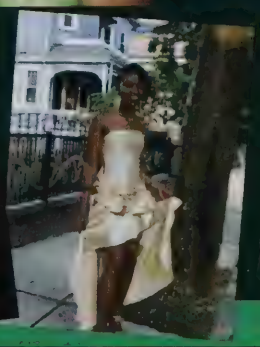
LOVE

LAUGH



Love of my Life

As these years flew by many times I questioned why. Why are these people in my life? And why do I care how they feel inside. But now I see it was destiny. And I'm glad you got to be a part of me. And even though you'll no longer be next to me. It's okay, in my heart you'll always be.



Amaly

To my class of 2009...

The past four years have been the craziest, the funniest, the most life changing years of our lives. May you all be happy with what ever you choose to pursue and may all your dreams and goals become reality. I truly love you all with all my heart <3 and hope to remain in contact for years to come.

Dear Doodle and Ubbie...

I get sad at the thought that our days together are going to end up limited. But glad that the memories we have together will last a lifetime. I must say that my high school years have been worthwhile because of you both. We have cried together, laughed together and gone PSYCHOTIC together. Many may think we are crazy together... But I believe with all my heart that we are PERFECT together. I love you both soooo much. And don't you guys ever forget it!!!

D.U.D

2009

LOL FML BFFL Wavy =] TWIN!! Gurlfriend <3

A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart, and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words

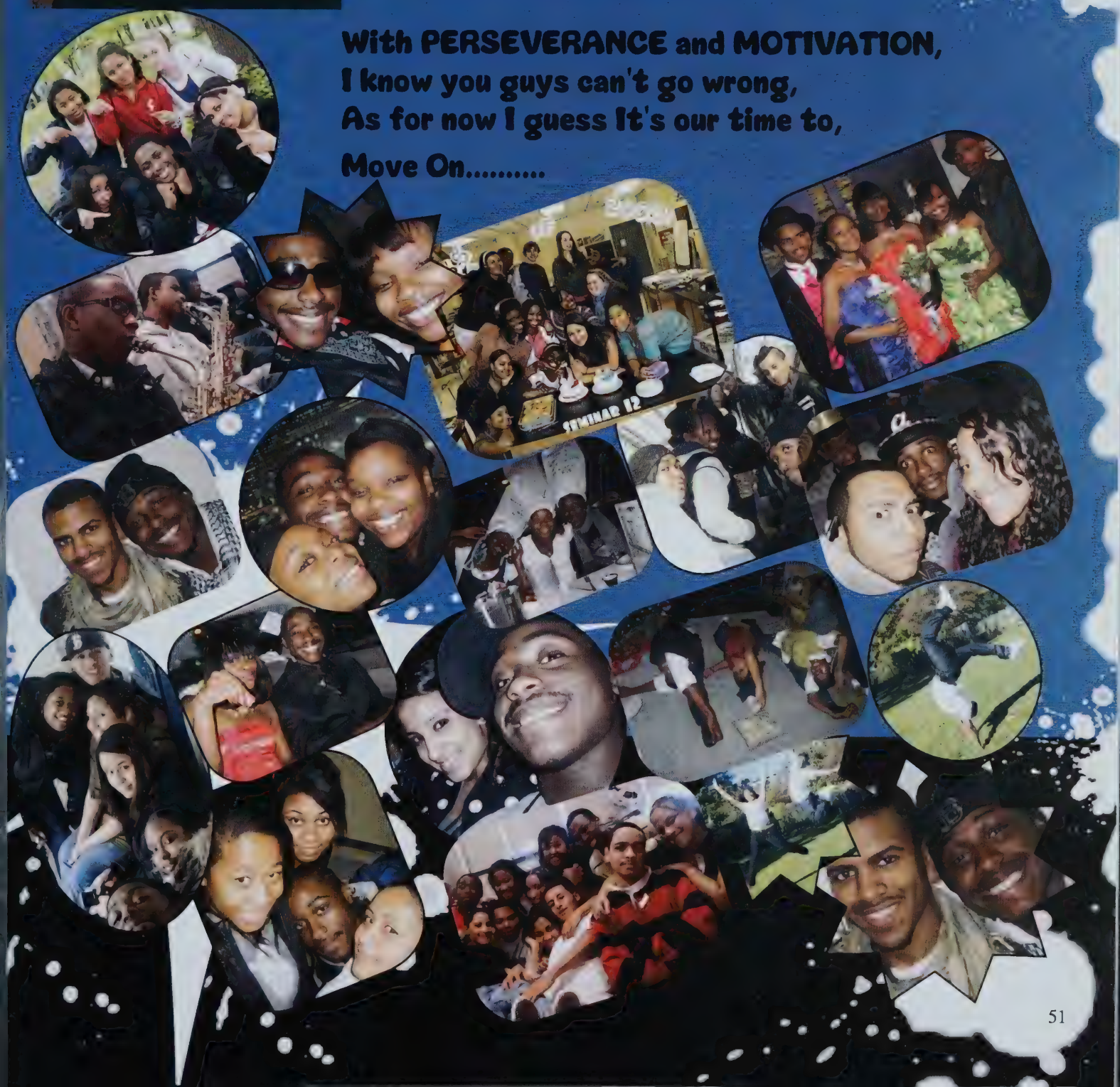
Ndubuisi Ofoegbu (Ndu) (B.C.)

Class of '09
Now is our time.
Through ups and downs,
We still survived.

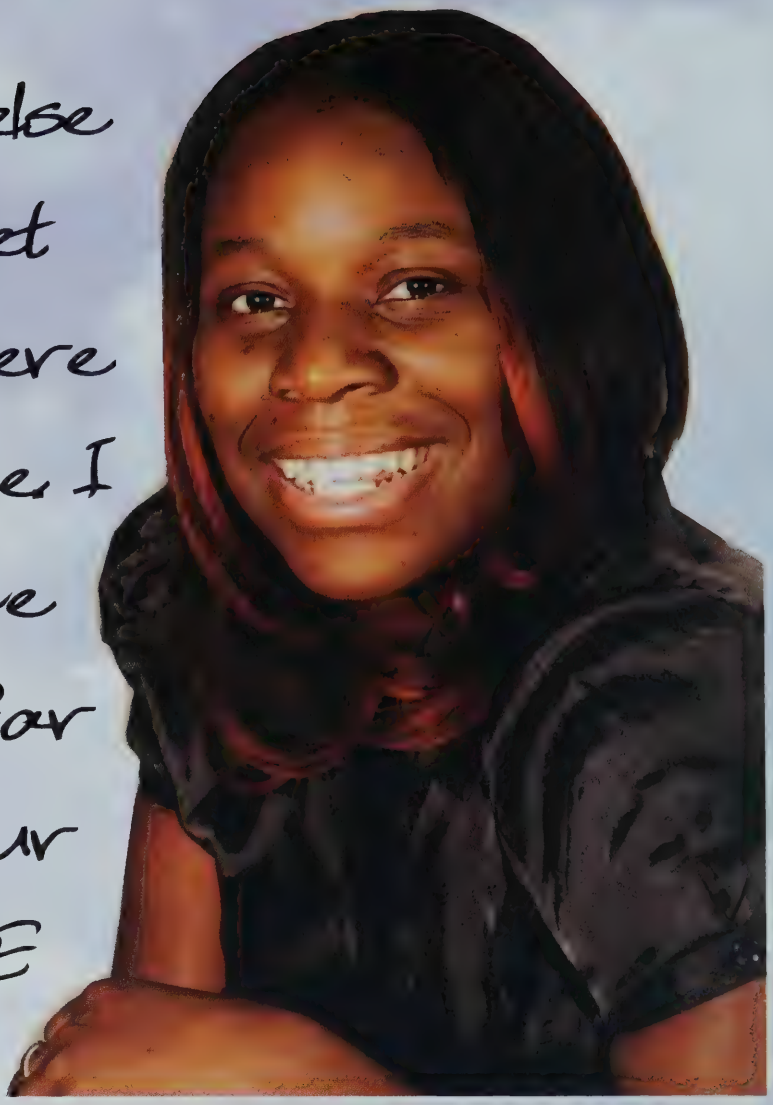
Having you all on my journey,
I wouldn't have it any other way.
You'll probably be able to tell
By my face on graduation day.

With PERSEVERANCE and MOTIVATION,
I know you guys can't go wrong,
As for now I guess It's our time to,

Move On.....



There is nothing else left to do but get the bleep out of here and go on to college. I wish everyone the best of luck as far as college and your dreams go. BYE GUYS!



You guys so love me. I am so going to miss everyone from that class of "09" without a doubt.

Cara Perakis

Franchesca Phillip

hope

faith

Moving on will be hard, but I'll always be thankful to the friends and family that inspired and motivated me to reach for my dreams and claim them.

Leslie and co.

08!

I love them more than anything in the world!

to the best class in the world. you guys are so amazing. i will miss you all dearly. thanks for the best memories in my life so far. this has been an amazing 4 years! best of luck to all of you in whatever you choose to do with your lives!

Jevan Quammie

Sandy

I have known most of you since middle school some since elementary and I don't think I would have made it through all these years if it wasn't for you guys.

The days will pass but the memories I shared with you guys will always remain with me. I love you guys and I am thankful that God put you in my life.

Lisa

Footy

Johnny

Rey

Mindy

Nilani

Jahlisa

Saraann

Wee-wee

Mariano

Stephone

Le

Shakara

Jazmin

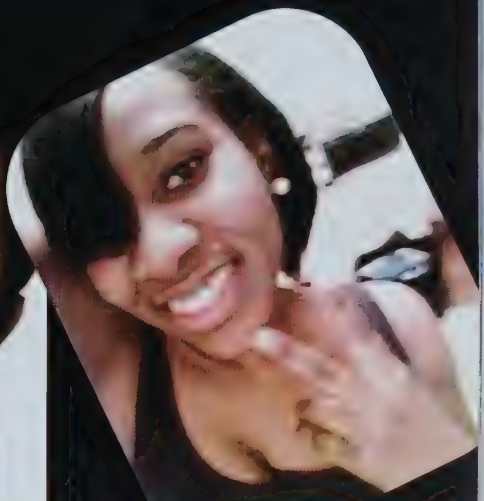
I am in

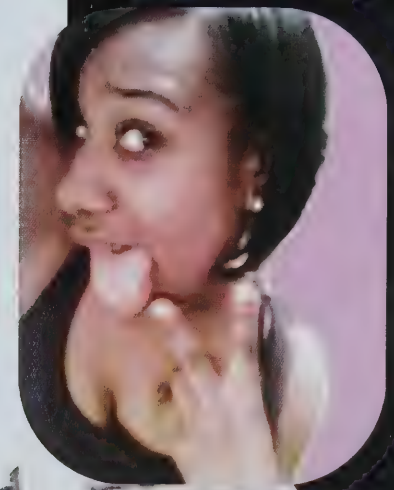
BECUZ I AM

BALLLLLINNNN

Yes This is your super awesome, dope, fantastic, wild, insane Jahlisa. Yes I graduated and onto GIANT things. I think... Haha I'd be salted if I didn't graduate. But yea I had an awesome awesome time at BAA I will miss all of my unique and funny friends. =(Maybe we all should get kept back so we can be together forever!! lol and be class of 2010!! SIKE!! OH NINE! I LoVe you Mommy, Daddy, Jackie and Joanne. OH 9! I LOVE YOU oh niners NICK, VICKY, SANDY, ALEX, SHANIECE SHAY, and LISA. shouts to NILANI!! NICK WE NEED TO CHILL MORE I MISS YOU =(oh and want to say thank you to all my teachers!!!!! LOVE JAHLISA

JALYSA





Saraan Romain

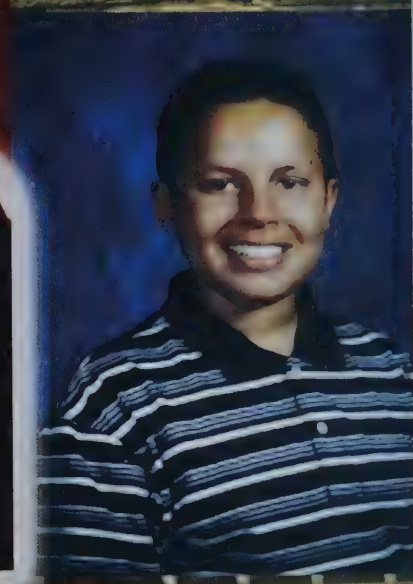
Dawn Marie

Thank you all for helping me create these unforgettable memories! LOVE YOU ALL!

Class of 2009

Baby Tenor

Christian Sanchez



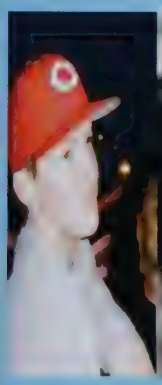
First year at BAA and I had a BLAST! :)

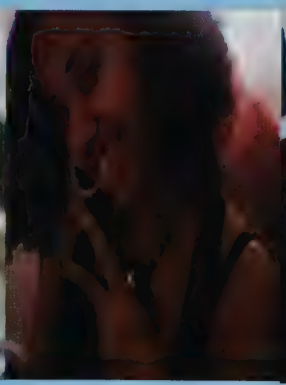
class of '09

LISA x3

"MEMORIES WILL LAST FOREVER ! TO THE CLASS OF 09' I LOVE YOU GUYS MORE THEN A FAT KID LOVE CAKE !"

PEACE & LOVE 09'

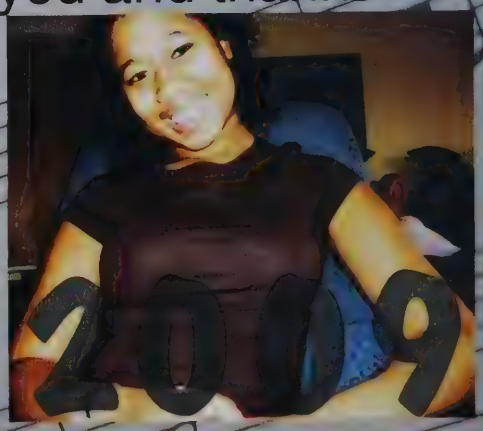




In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.
--Albert Einstein

To my Teachers: Thanks for getting me through my four years of high school and setting me on my way to college. To my friends: I will never forget you and thanks for all the good time. **I LOVE YOU ALL.**

SHAVON DENISE WEBB



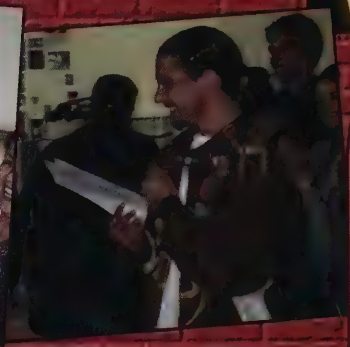
i love all my peoples on this page. you have really made a BIG impact on my life and i thank and love yall. im going to miss yall. i pray i will see you again. kisses boos!!!
im going to miss all my peoples from the year 2009 you already know!!!! i wish all of yall good luck in college and hope yall do good. Ima miss all the fun times we had and how crazy we all are.
i love my family, and if you are on my page you are part of that family. shout outs to my mom and dad, i love yall.yall are truly an inspiration in my life.
shout outs to my two best friends, roni and tanisha, i love yall thank you for being there we are truly family. and last but certainly not least shout outs to my love, kenny, you are my heart and will always be inside it. thank you for all yalls support. i love yall.
2009 baby!!!
Shaylawna Williams

THEATER FACULTY

from left to right:
Ms. Lord, Mr. McLean, Mr. Adekoje, Ms. Rodrigues, Mr. Bodie

Jamila Alleyne
America's Future Model
Class of 2009

Julian Arroyo
"JUJU"

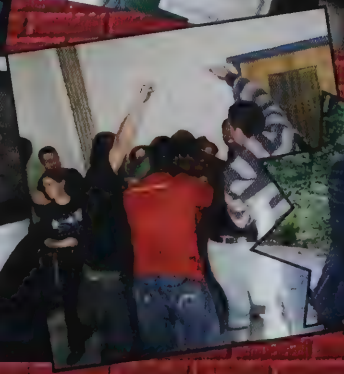


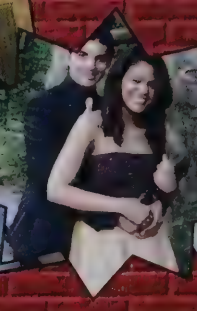
I was on a bad path heading towards nowhere until I got to BAA, it made me into the person that I am today. I am a product of my environment If it wasn't for you all none of this would have even been possible...

THANK YOU

Familia

Besties





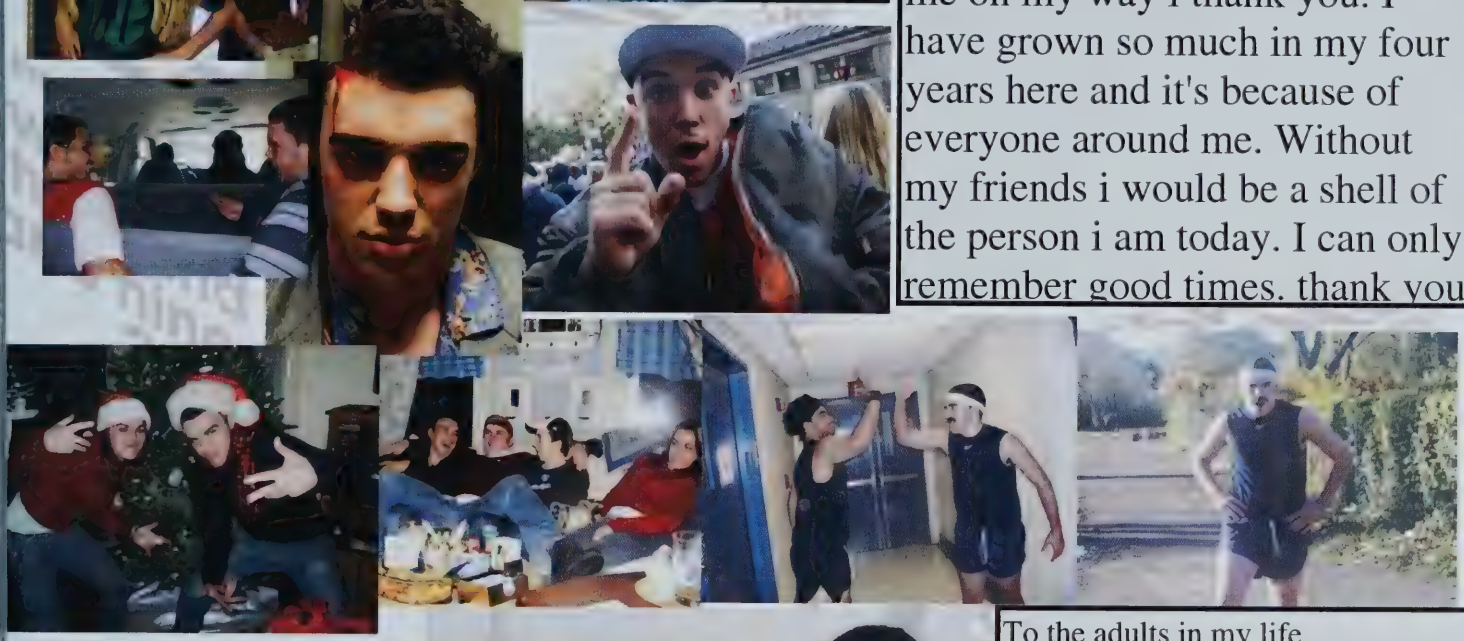
Maya Baca

I will miss my foot. Stay in touch my toes. May all your dreams come true!

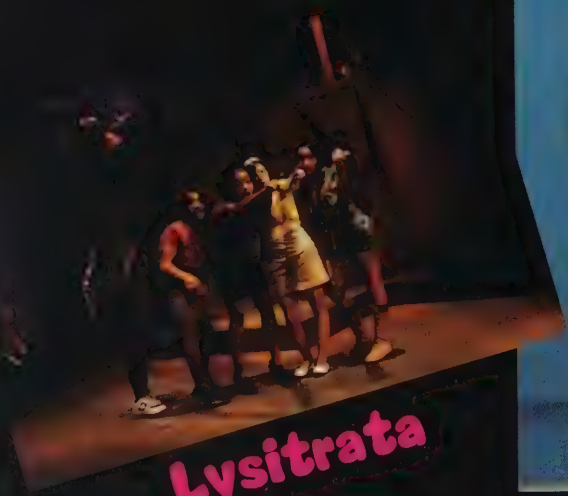
Urz tRUEly SHAkARA.

LiVE:LAUGH:LOVE. 2 FINGERs 09

To my friends who has helped me on my way i thank you. I have grown so much in my four years here and it's because of everyone around me. Without my friends i would be a shell of the person i am today. I can only remember good times. thank you



To the adults in my life
First my parents. You guys are my foundation. you have given me life and made me a man thank you. BAA staff you have equipped me with the tools to strive in life. You are not just teachers but people who i truly love and i can feel that love back. I thank you all these have been the best moments of my life.



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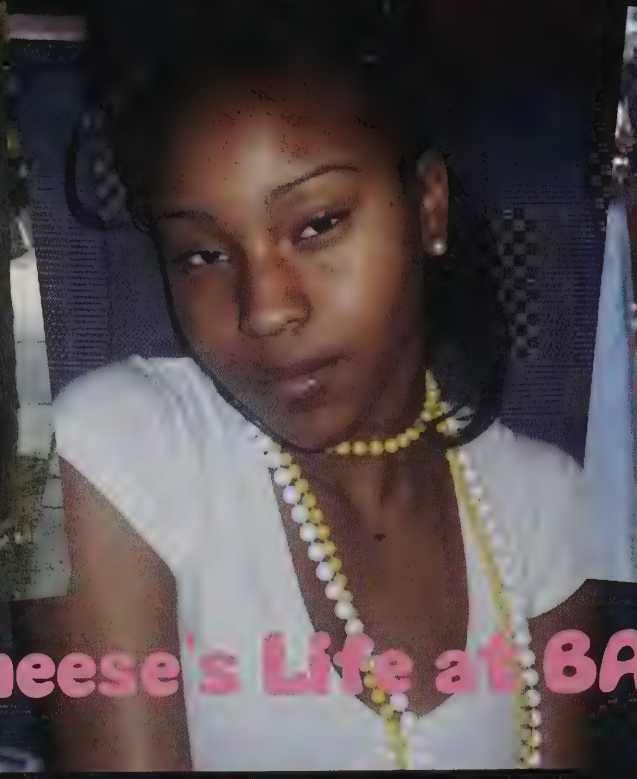
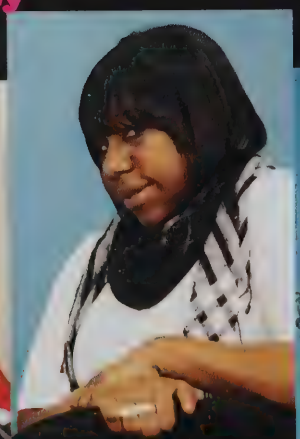


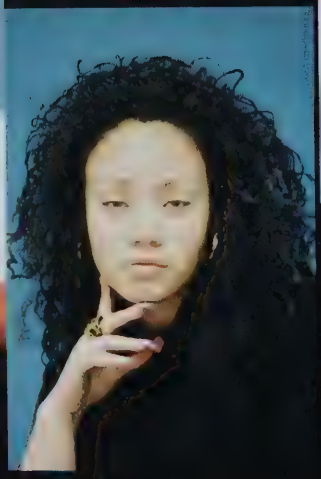
Janeese's Life at BAA

My best since day one



Wheels fall of the caddy

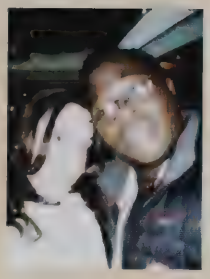
Opinionated "H8"



Flirty

Weirdo

Juwonni Cottle



To One of the leading ladies in my life. On day when, when your wondering "Where the Devil in Evelyn" is, just remember that soon we'll be back together again...I Love You Love!!

To the other leading lady, without you none of this would have been possible...I LOVE YOU

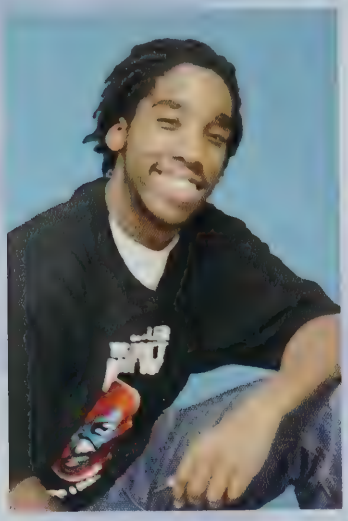
Miguel...you were my first friend, and you have always been my best. You bring out the best in me, and you will never, ever, be out of my life. I lOVE YOU MIGUEL!!!!!

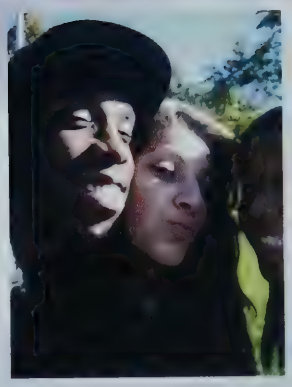
I still don't understand why we're friends...i've always that our friendship was weird, but i would never trade it for anything in the world. Thank you for being an amazing friend. You have truly help define who i am. I love you Julian!!!

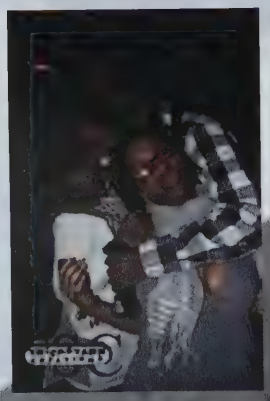
T-4 '09

To my twin...(sorry i realized it so late in the game...sad day). The yin to my yang, the light to my dark you have always challenged me, and always been a support for me. Thank you.. I LOVE YOU ELY!

"Of Course we make crutches of one another...why else would we crawl when we lose our lovers?"- R Scott Bakker







I was born to be somebody... The world has many things in store for me. My momma always told me that sky's the limit.

"Jo Jo" Fox

Class of 09, especially T409, thank you for everything. From learning with each other to hanging out and trusting each other, Thank you all for the memories, the love that we created and shared for each other throughout theses years. I love you all and lets change the world a day at a time.

K.G.G.

Julia Goodman

To the Class of 2009 -
Thank you all so much for everything. I have truly gained so much from so many of you and would not be who I am today without you all.

To Our Lunch Table -
Our twenty minute lunch periods have probably been my favorite thing about BAA.
White Girls - I'm glad we got so much done in group...

T4 '09 - I can honestly say I truly love every single one of you. We've been through so much and I wish you all the best for the future.

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TGIF

Don' was here

Me & Danielle yell it out loud. TGIF!!!

Julia's Art. (she's on the page next to me)

Baar E N → English HS

I miss Natia.

Super Jay.

THE LOWLITES of '09

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Math 5!!! Really?

OBAMA!!! - my play.

OFF TO BAR.

poof, it Chmura!! - how she get there.

I found a Sharpie so I drew this.

tudent Gov - ANARCHY

What can I say, ... I'm going to miss you guys. It's been fun. I wish you all the best of luck. Class of '09 - Elyas H.

Foot. I ♡ u.

"yeee

Renee (Renizzle)

Dear Class of 2009,

"To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act."

I love you Love(yiddish giddish!) Targe TP and DL for Life! (you are my best friend, my sister) Tinky

Give Dora my love! (I will think of you every time I bird watch) Tindex

You will always be my first friend in homeroom 305(7 years of memories and counting) Tiddle

Thank you Mama, Dad, Danny, Andrew, Nannie,Papa, and Auntie Angie for always loving me.

PEACE I'M OUTTA HERE!!!

The Friends I will never forget...

Matthew

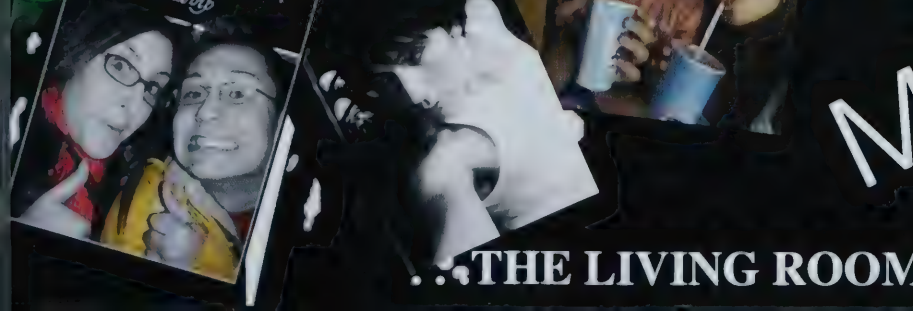
When I Grow Up. . .

"It's better to be HATED for who YOU ARE instead of being LOVED for someone YOUR NOT"

AND TO THOSE PPI WHO MADE MY SENiOR YEAR THE F@$&*N' BEST:

RENEE, BiANCA, IE-ANDRA, KARA, JOEY, MAYA, JAY, DANi, NiKKi, STEPH, MY WHiTE GiRLZ, THE FOOT && FiNAlIY TO MY THEATRE ClASS

THANKS <333



Mattypooh

09

DivaMart

"Fashion fades, style is eternal"

-CoCo Chanel

YOU KNOW!

My 2 Loves!

Expensive
LISSVANIA
YOU KNOW!
Class of 09, You guys and the school changed me for the better. I came to this school as a fighter without a care in the world. Nothing ever mattered. I'm leaving still as a fighter but not knowing how to pick my own battles. Now having the knowledge to face any obstacles that come my way. It may sound cliche, but I could write a book of the memories that will last a lifetime. To new beginnings, I love you all 09!!
09
but worth it!

Luis a.k.a Chino

Theatre

Techi Tricks !!

The Dream Team09

Me and Mom

Tim & Kara

Good Game!!

The famzz

My Swee

Me and my Bro

Kerb

Lil Sis

Mullen

Me & Sandy

Me and Juju

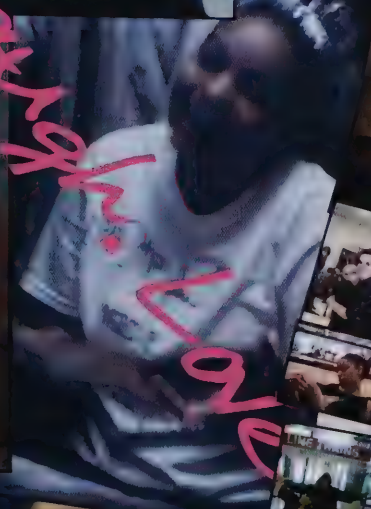
Tiana Sutherland

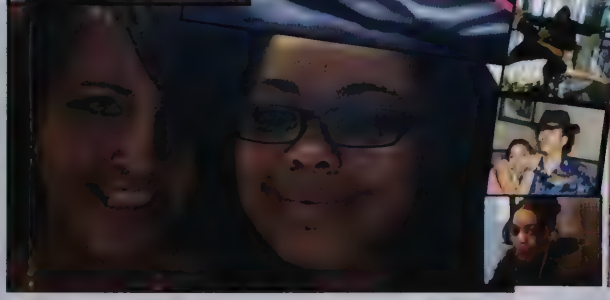
Shooting for the stars

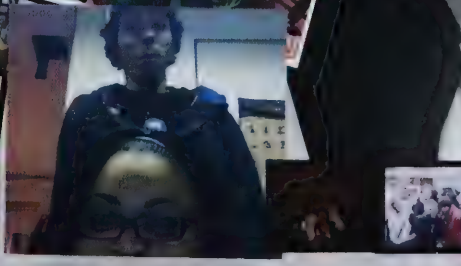
R.I.P
Daddy
Jan. 1961-Oct. 2008

Live. Laugh. Love

Perfect Pair







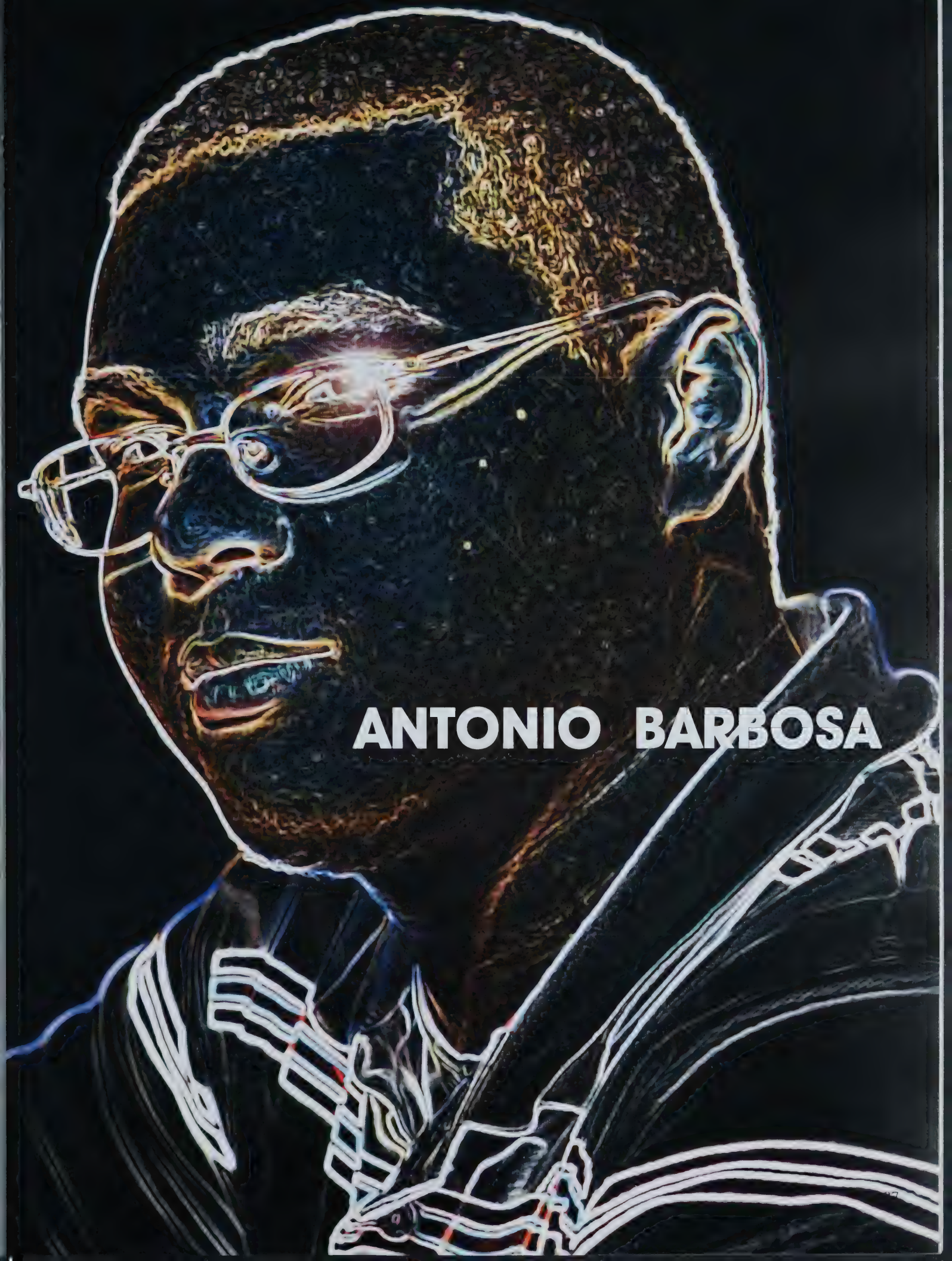
I apologize to you if I don't seem real eager to jump into a forced awkward intimate situation that people like to call dating. I don't like the feeling. You're sitting there, you're wondering do I have food on my face, am I eating, am I talking too much, are they talking enough, am I interested I'm not really interested, should I play like I'm interested but I'm not that interested but I think she might be interested but do I want to be interested but now she's not interested?

KIARA THOMAS

VISUAL ARTS FACULTY

from left to right:
Mr. Telemaque, Ms. Marsh,
Ms. Pacek-Allen,
Ms. Osediacz, Mr. Edwards

Julia Andreasson


ANTONIO BARBOSA

Comfort in Discomfort

Hanna Campolo-Rich

Johnny Eng

BAA, Jared Harrison's Off Dis

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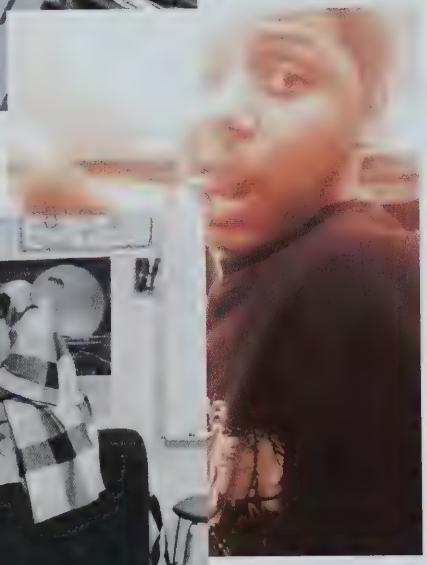

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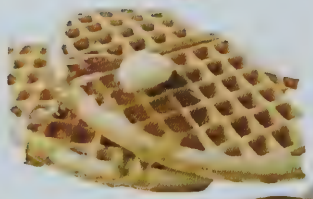


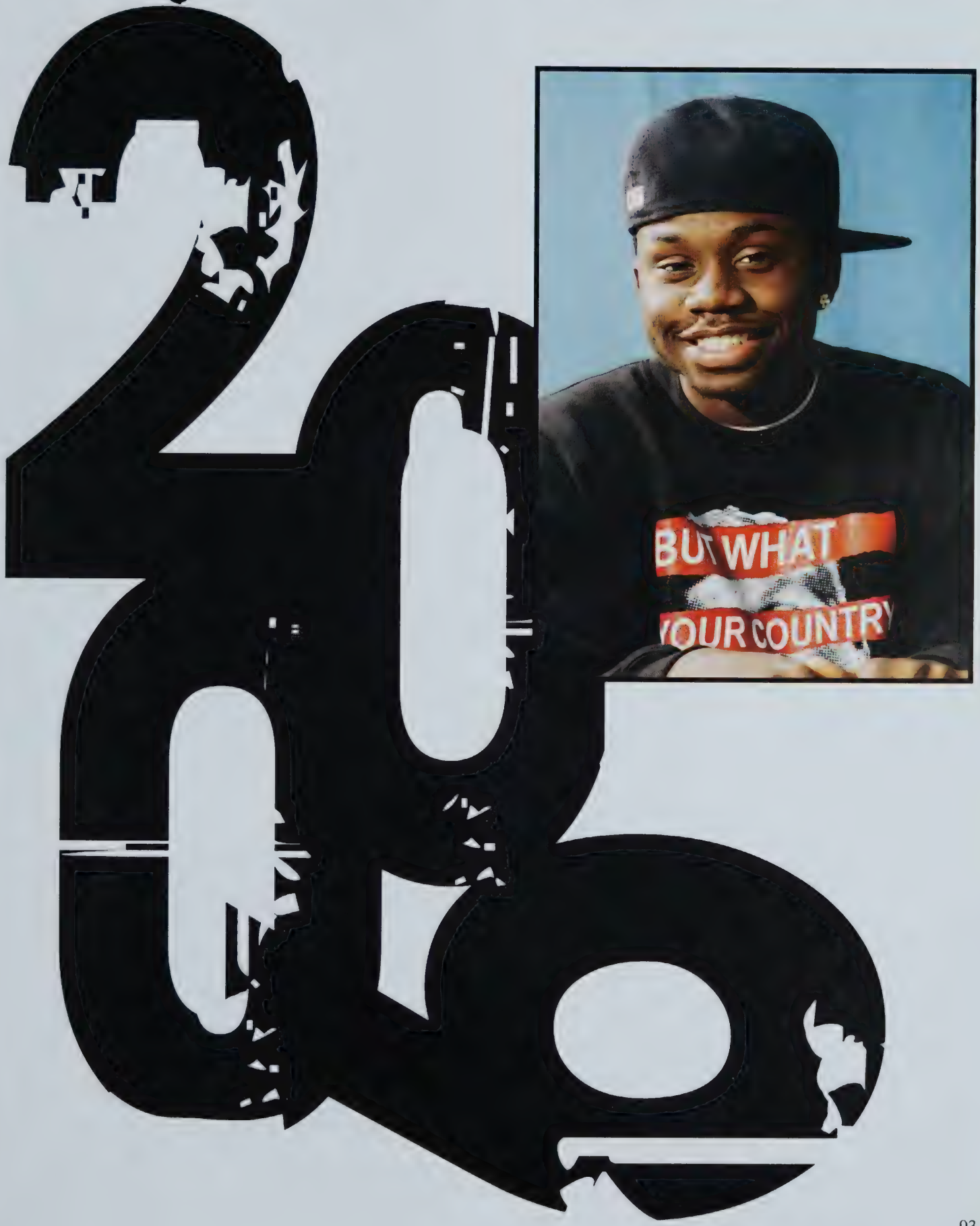
The Future Fashion Designer...

Yajaira Hernandez

Photographer: Rania Matar

Rina '09

Raymond Nembhard



Ali Ozdemir

Reno

Hey Class of '09!
I just want to say that it was a pleasure being a part of the greatest class in history! Made tons of good friends and made many fun memories. I'll miss you all and hope to always keep in touch. Where ever you guys end up, I wish the best of luck.

I'd also like to give a shout-out to the VA Teachers, thanks for making my years at BAA enjoyable:

Ms. Balliro
Mr. Edwards
Ms. Marsh
Mr. Telemaque
Ms. Osediacz

2009

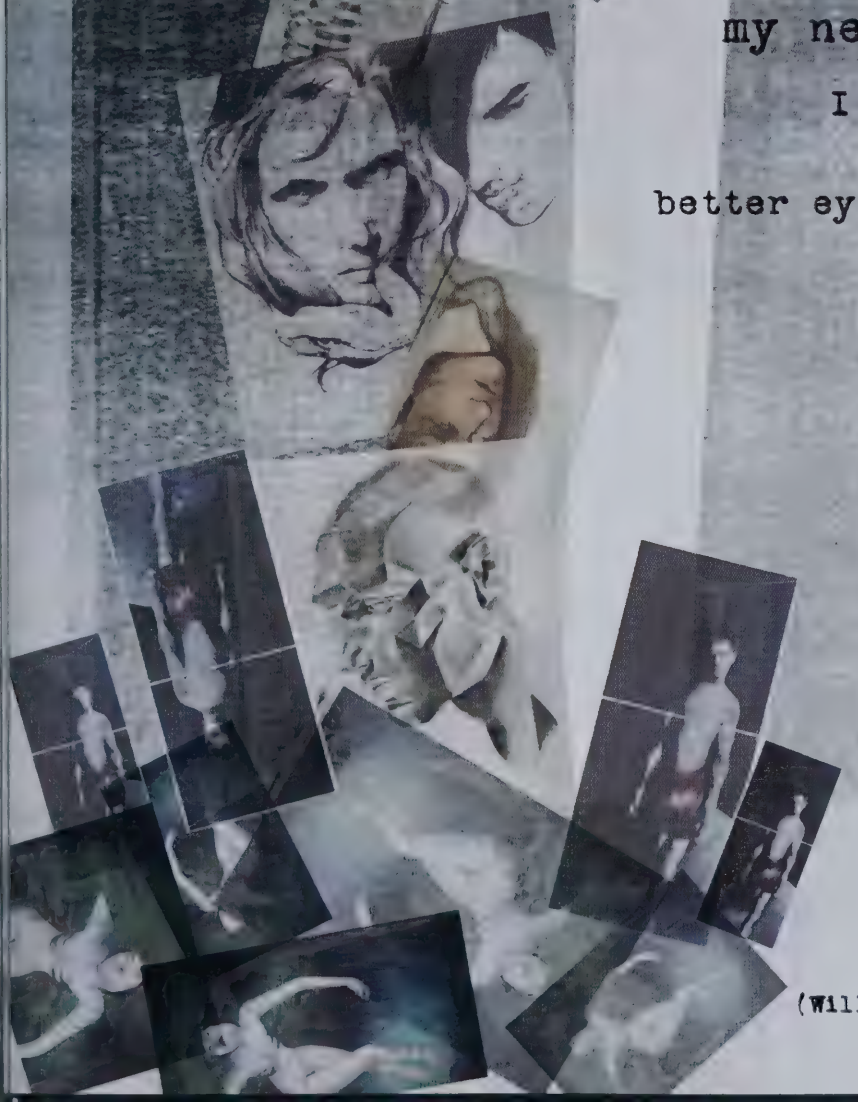
Emily Rust

BAA:

...kicked my bias aside
spilt the ash, blew
off the dust,
and gave me new
hands

My ignorances away
my nerves undressed,
I leave with pregnant
opportunity...
better eyes, wiser words

oh, dumb grin,
frowning brow,
just take my
thanks:
a confe[illegible] of laughter,
Ha Ha
Ha
Ha



(Will see soon, YamS.)

Yamira Serret

PHANTOM

"And I won't
wait for you in a
murial,
If you won't
wait for me in a
mainland.

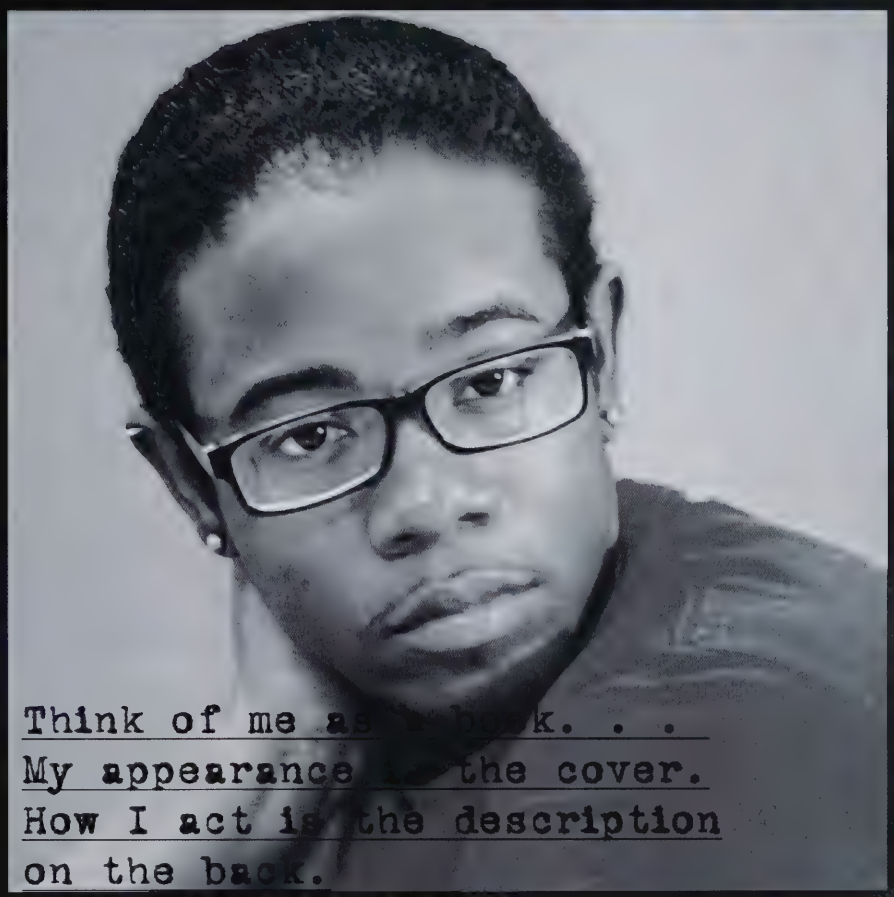
I feel so
elusive in
Houston,
You feel so
exclusive in
Houston."

JADE THACKER

If you cant realize the reality of my words, then your jus another illiterate person sittin' out on the curve...

Before

NOW. . . .



Beginnin'

Mid- Way

Think of me as a book. . .
My appearance is the cover.
How I act is the description on the back.
But, you will never understand the context inside if you don't understand my character. . .

Amost. .

Divo

KeNNy Walker

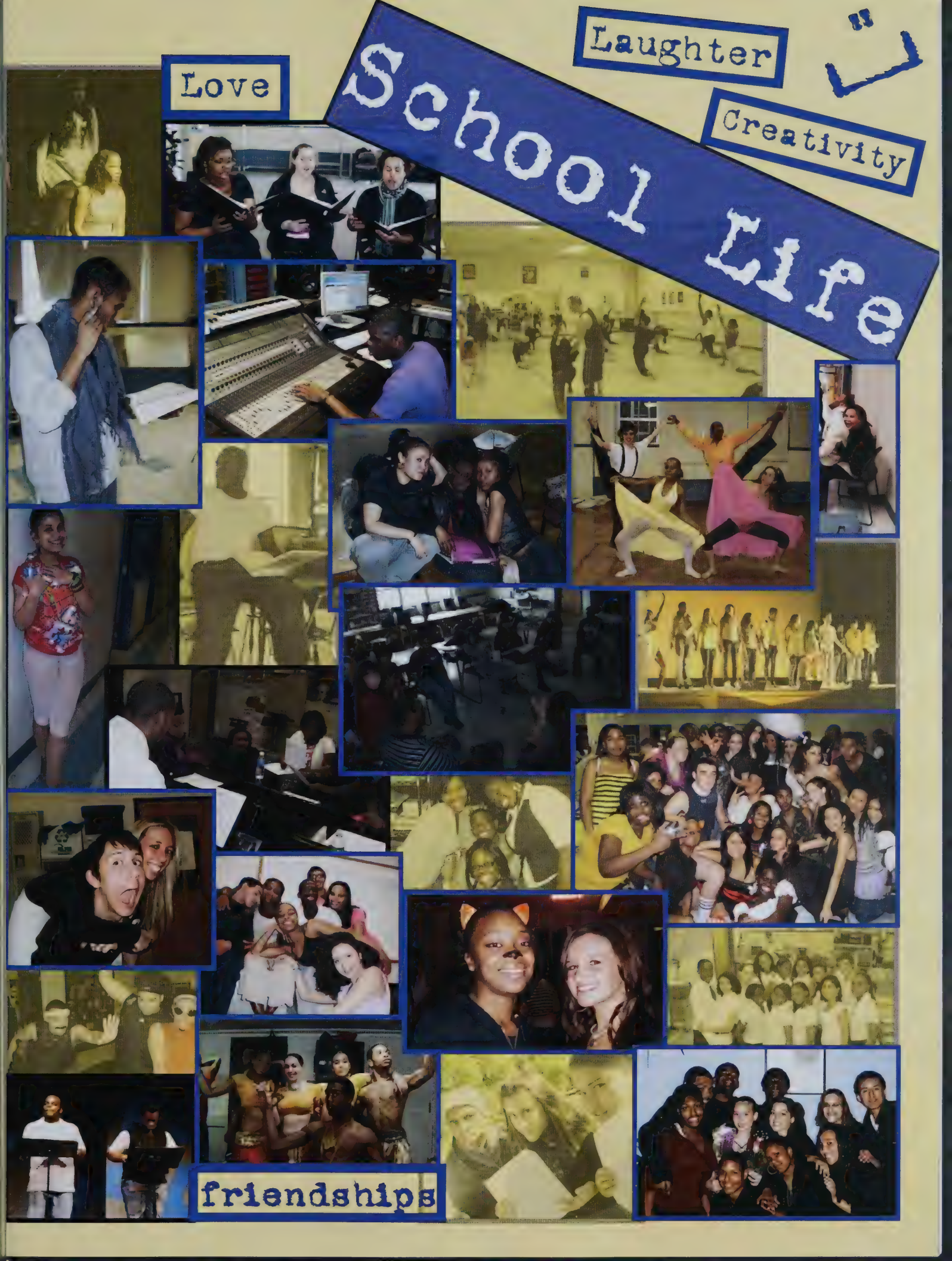
Josephine Yu

School Life

Love

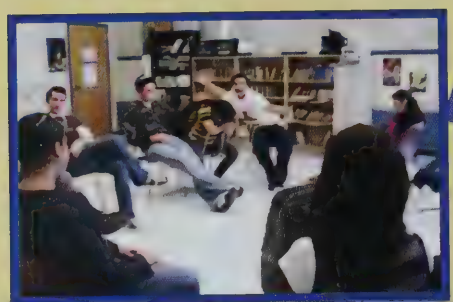
Laughter

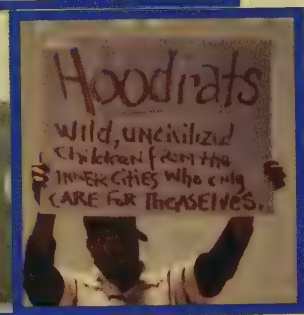
Creativity

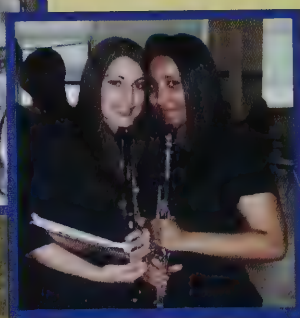


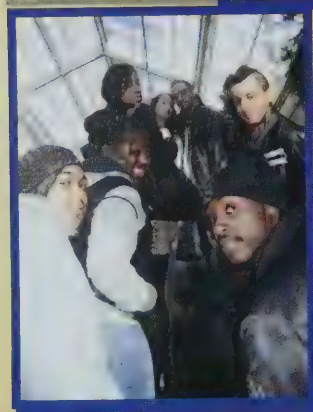
friendships

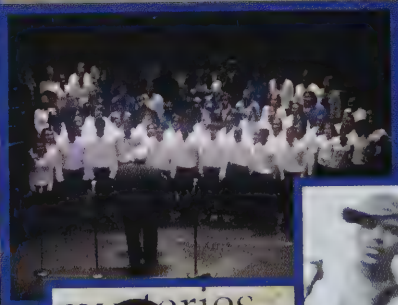
School Life











Talented

B.A.A. Yearbook Staff 2009

With Special Thanks
To:
Ms. Osediacz, Mr. Telemaque,
& Ms. Larson
(Yearbook Faculty)

Dear Renee,

I am so very proud of all you have accomplished at BAA. The four years at BAA have prepared you for your college years. But most of all you have grown into the most amazing daughter any mother would be proud to call her own. I love you! I always have your back!

Love & hugs,
Mama

Congratulations,

Amaly!

We are so proud of you. You have a great mind, you are beautiful and most of all, you have a great personality. We wish you the best your future endeavors.

We love you "Puchita",
Mom, Dad,
Henry Jr.

Christian,

It has come the time when you have reached an important milestone in your life. Time seems as if just rushed by us and if I only could hold you on my lap and read you a bedtime story. But I just cant do that right now. I thank God each and every day for giving you life. It's time now to spread your wings and go to places where God has not taken you before. I applaud your accomplishments and wish you success in everything you do.

I love you and
Bless you.
Congratulations!
Mom

Congratulations
Karen!

I am very proud of you and all your hard work. I am proud that you are going off to college. I will always love you, and continue o stay focused, you know the Lord is always by our side.

Love,
Mom

Congratulations, Shavon!

You have finished this long journey with flying colors. May the next chapter in your life be just as wonderful.

Love you always,
Claretta Taylor Webb

Alexandria Malvo,

A mother's dream is to see her children fly and soar like the eagle in the sky and dance their way into life wondrous splendor, with great love, respect and many blessings. A daughter is so special, sent directly from our Lord. He took His time to make you with such tender loving care. And sent you down to meet me, what a privilege and blessing my dear. May God continue to bless and keep you as your journey through life begin to unfold before your eyes.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Suraj and Torin

Felicitaciones, Vanesita

Eres un regalo de Dios. Yo estoy muy orgullosa de ti, por todo lo que eres, por todas las virtudes que Dios te a dado. Te prometo que estare cerca de ti y te llevare en mi pensamiento y corazon por donde quiera que vayas. Te felicito por tu graduacion y exito en tu nueva etapa educativa.

Con amor,
Mami y Jose Luis

Congratulations, Class of 2009!

We will miss you!

Mr. Raul Garcia II

Catrice,
You have blossomed into a talented young lady. Always stay focused, put your best foot forward and keep the faith. We love you and know that you'll be successful at whatever path you choose.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Christina,
Courtney and
Jarya

Congratulations,
Ashwa
& Class of 09!

I love you and wish you the best.
Continue to work hard.

Love you and
God bless.
Mom

Congratulations,
Chris!
You have made it! May your dedication to music bring you lots of personal and professional success and may that inspire you to give back and nurture younger talent. Good luck at Berklee!

Lots of love,
Mom

Dear Saraann,
I am so proud of all you have accomplished. You have grown into a beautiful young lady. You have a wonderful personality. Remember that God will always be by your side.

Love you always,
Mom

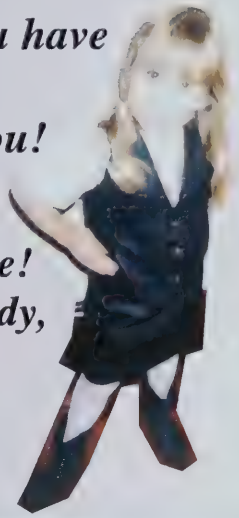
Shakima,

You are our heart which is filled with pride and joy!

Love,
Mom &
Dad

Friddy,

Ever since you were a little girl, we always knew that you would grow up to be someone really special. You have had ups and downs in your life, but never let that stop you from doing what you wanted to do. You are graduating High School, and have been accepted to Berklee College of Music. You have made it Baby Girl! We are so proud of you! Remember 5 dolla!



We love you long time!
Nana, Grandpa, Daddy,
Auntie, and John

Ali,

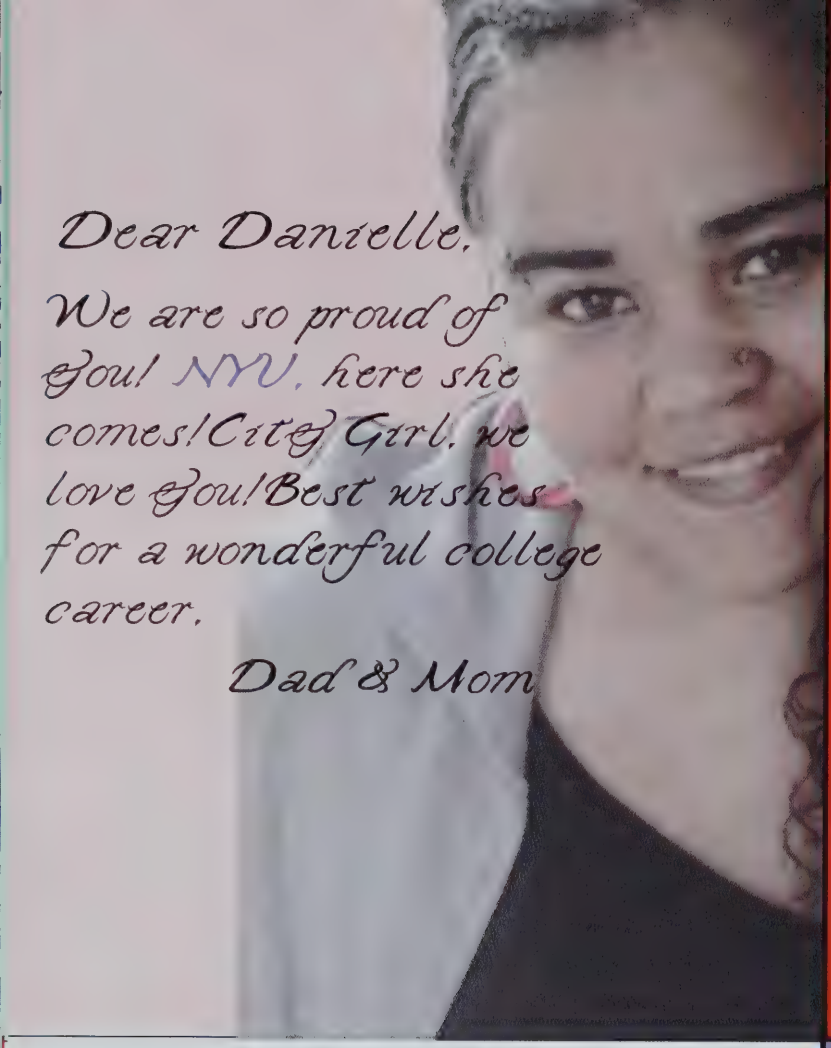
You made it through High School! Good luck and much success in College!

Love,
Mom,
Yildrim,
Pixie,
Snuggles,
Seamus,
and Finn

'09 Music Students

Congratulations on a great year. Each of you has wonderfully unique qualities that make this year's senior music class so special. We so enjoyed watching you perform at the senior recitals and take on leadership both in the music department and in the community. You are an outstanding group of individuals with a great sense of humor, scholarship, and artistic integrity. You have made us so proud. Please come back and visit often. Good luck and keep in touch!

- The music faculty



Dear Danielle,

We are so proud of you! NYU, here she comes! City Girl, we love you! Best wishes for a wonderful college career.

Dad & Mom

Rachel-

What fantastic accomplishments you have achieved! You have our deepest respect and support as you pursue your dream of dancing. With great appreciation to the BAA staff for all they have done, and special thanks to Ms. Thomas as your advisor extraordinaire! We are enormously proud!

Much love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations,
Bianca DiStefano!

We are so proud of the accomplishments you have made during the time at BAA. Shoot for the stars! The sky is the limit.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Nicholas,
Joseph & Ariana

To my dearest daughter
Shakara,

I'm so proud of you! I couldn't have asked for a better daughter than you. It seems like just yesterday you were graduating from elementary school and now you are finally graduating high school.
Always know I'm proud of you and i have your front and back in whatever you decide to do
Love always,
Your mom and family

Congratulations to my "other kids", Janeese, Vania, Julian, Michael, and Jose
Love,
Ms.Carter aka Ma

Congratulations Jay!

"I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hope to the windows of your opportunities and to the most special places your heart has ever known"
-Author Unknown

Congrats lil bro you did it. May God bless you as you further your education!
Love,
Big Sis Shanika

Mom, Sada, Saniya
the Cottle & Watts Families

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss you'll land among the stars."

"To those of you who received honors, awards, and distinctions I say well done. And to the C students, I say you too may one day be president of the United States."--George Bush LOL

From: Granddad Conrad, Uncles Junior and Wilfred, Auntie Janice, Keshia, Katelyn, Sam, Joy, Hope Conquerors and Berea Orion

Franchesca,

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position reached in life, as by the obstacles overcome while trying to succeed" - Booker T. Washington

With the strength from God. Gouve taken control of Gour life and made some tough changes and tough choices. But through it all. Gouve shown tremendous strength and commitment. You are respected and commended for that and wished even more future success. Mag God continue to Bless You. We Love Gou for who Gou are.

Love Alwags.

Mom, Dad, Wyatt, Oma and the Family

To the yearbook staff

You've raised the bar for the BAA yearbook. You worked hard. You worked together. Be proud of this yearbook as evidence of your organization, teamwork, and time. Congratulations ladies!

Sincerely,

Ms.Osediacz, Mr.Telemaque, and Ms.Larson

Superlatives

MOST LIKELY TO...

Become Famous
Janeese Darren
Taychon Ernest

Quietly Take Over the World
Johnny Yajaira Jamilia

Trip at Graduation
Leslie Johnny

Become President
Elyas Ashwa

Teach at BAA
Jay Amaly

Become a Celebrity Stalker
Alex Jahlisa

Be Seen at BK/McD's
Kenny Jamynique
Roni

Be on a Reality Show
Takiya Franchesca Lisa

Marry a Millionare
Bianca Emily

Trip Up the Stairs
Johnny Mary Anita

Teach Aerobics at 40
Gabi Stephone

Bust out in Song and Dance
Saraann Jalysa

Not Show up @ the 10 yr. Reunion
Chris Shaniece Ali

Wear PJs to School
Taila Brett

Be Caught With Food
Maya Christian

Strip in Public
Saraann Matt

Be Late for Class
Chris Shaniece

Wear Flip Flops in Snow
Danielle Matt

Wander the Halls
Kenny Shavon

BEST...

Laugh
Kiara Jay Taylor D.

Dressed
Mara Taychon

Nickname
Catrice (Cat-rice)
Raymond (Scoop)

Hair
Vania Ali

Couple
Fedner & Phania

Eyes
Mike Danielle Vania

Smile
Kiara Darren

Make-up
Taylor D. Ashwa Mary

Superlatives

MOST...

Changed since Fresh. Yr.
Joanie Ndu

Motherly/Fatherly
Renee Jay Dawn

Opinionated
Elyas Yamira

Tattoed
Ernest Rina

Rebellious
Nick Catrice

Nonchalant
Shakima Hannah
Joanie Reno

Creative
Jade Jared

Athletic
Mike Julia G.

Photogenic
Janeese Emmy

Uniquely Dressed
Stephone Shaylawna

Talkative
Jalysa Jay

Pierced
Fedner Taylor

BIGGEST...

Hoodrat
Karen Ndu

Drama King/Queen
Tiana Kenny

Overachiever
Rachel

Flirtatious
Franchesca Julian

Teacher's Pet
Elyas Cara

Gossip
Elyas Leslie

Procrastinator
Nick Sakina

MISCELLANEOUS...

Sweetest
Gabi Kervin

Quietest
Julia A. Antonio

"Mean Girls"
Leslie Danielle Amaly

Funniest
Taychon Shakara

Loudest
Shakara Jay

Tallest
Joe Vicky

Favorite White Girls
Matt Taylor D.

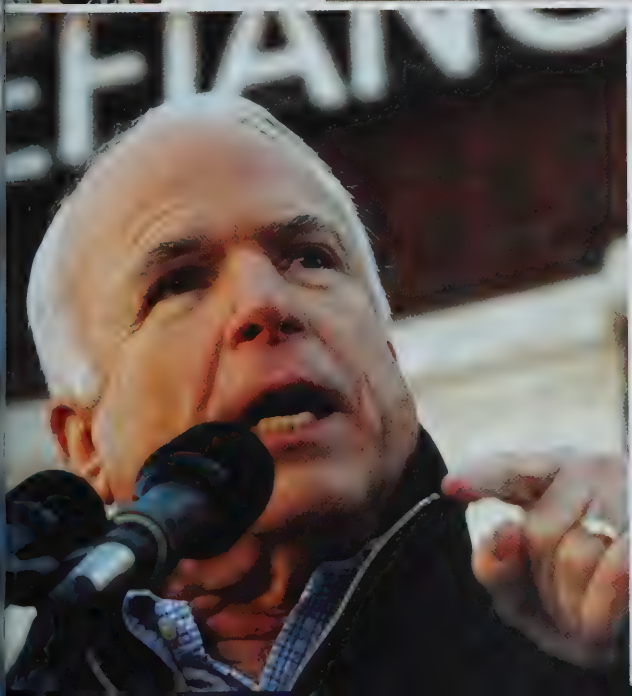
Shortest
Yajaira Stephanie Reno

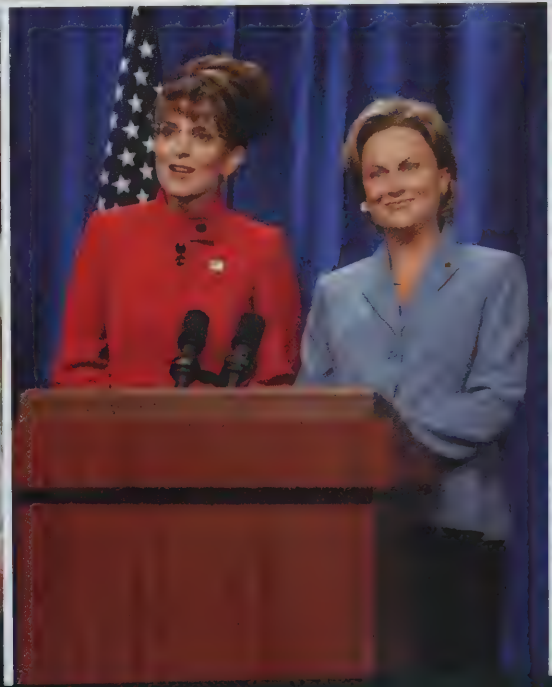
THIS is who we are...

2008-09 year in review

ELECTING CHANGE ▶
Using the campaign slogan, "Change we can believe in," Democrat Barack Obama won the 2008 election to become the 44th president of the United States. Obama, 47, is the first African-American to lead the nation. After his election, Obama quickly began selecting his cabinet, including asking New York Sen. Hillary Clinton, who he defeated to win the Democratic nomination, to be secretary of state.

THE TECHNOLOGY STUMP ◀
Campaigning style changed with Obama's use of the Internet. Obama had about four million "friends" on Facebook and had collected about 10 million email addresses. He used texting to announce his vice presidential pick – Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware. His campaign website morphed into a transition website within 24 hours of his election.





MAVERICK RIDES OFF ◀
To win the general election, Obama beat Republican "maverick" Sen. John McCain of Arizona. A record 127 million votes were cast in the general election. In another change, early voting occurred for the first time in 30 states, with about 31.7 million votes cast before Election Day.

LIVE FROM NEW YORK... ◀
Nobody took advantage of the election season more than the sketch comedy show *Saturday Night Live*, which brought back former cast member Tina Fey due to her resemblance to VP nominee Sarah Palin and rode Fey's impersonation to its highest ratings in years.

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POLITICIANS BUSTED ➤
Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich faced federal corruption charges for allegedly trying to sell or trade Barack Obama's Illinois senate seat. U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska was convicted of trying to conceal home renovations and other gifts from an oil industry contractor. And Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick pled guilty to obstruction of justice and resigned amid a sex scandal.

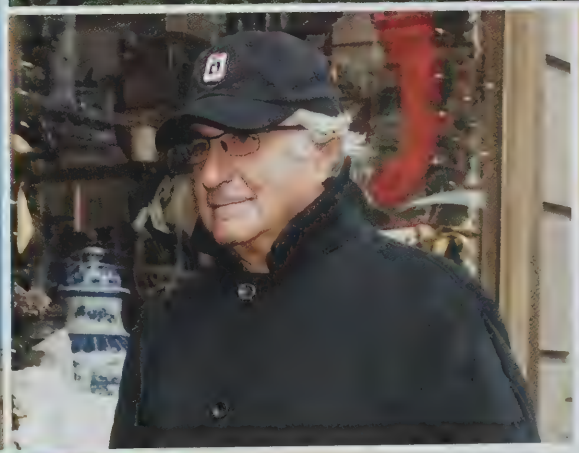
GRIM ECONOMY ▲
The faltering economy instilled fear worldwide. Americans felt the recession as home foreclosures, job layoffs and food prices increased. The stock market drop of 44% in the past year stripped college and retirement investments for many people. The federal government approved a contentious $700-billion bailout plan for the nation's financial system to try to get the economy moving, with $13.4 billion of that money going to the aid of Chrysler and General Motors, two automotive giants.

WHO ARE YOU? ▲
The fight against insurgents continued in Iraq and Afghanistan. While violence decreased in Iraq, Defense Secretary Robert Gates revealed plans to send more U.S. troops to Afghanistan to battle the Taliban. Deployment of American troops meant tearful farewells and joyful homecomings. Sometimes, servicemen returned to meet new family members.

GREENING OF AMERICA ◄
Going green affected several aspects of daily life. Reusable shopping bags became a fashion statement. Buying locally produced food saved on gasoline and meant fresher tastes. And at home, more people began buying compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) as incandescent bulbs will be phased out in a few years. CFLs save energy and add a new shape to lighting fixtures.

MAKE IT TWO FOR TIM ▼
Quarterback Tim Tebow led the Florida Gators to their second college football national championship in three years, when they defeated Oklahoma in the BCS title game, 24-14. However, the championship did not come without debate. Several other teams – including Utah, Texas and USC – continued to question why there was no playoff system and staked their own claim to the crown.

GAS UP, GAS DOWN ▼
After a record high of $4.11 per gallon on July 17, gasoline prices were down 60% to a five-year low of $1.63 during the last week of December, according to the American Automobile Association. Prices began rising again in early 2009. Despite the lower prices, Americans continued to drive less.



BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT ▲
The comeback of actor Robert Downey Jr. from a serious drug problem became complete this year when he landed the lead role in the hit movie *Iron Man*. Downey followed it up with another critically praised role in the comedy *Tropic Thunder*.

A MORE URGENT NEED ▲
Rising oil prices and continued climate changes made the search for alternative, renewable sources of energy a more prevalent topic of discussion. Solutions like wind farms, using large turbines, became more common.

WHO CAN YOU TRUST? ▲
Investors ranging from small charities to major international banks appeared to have lost about $50 million in a fraudulent investment allegedly devised by a former chairman of the Nasdaq Stock Market. Bernard Madoff, 70, was charged with securities fraud in what might be one of the biggest fraud cases ever.

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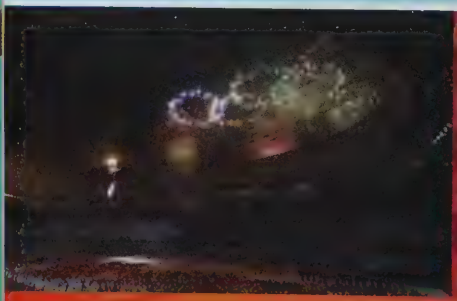
GAMES TO REMEMBER ▼ ►

American swimmer Michael Phelps made history at the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China, by becoming the first athlete ever to win eight gold medals at one Olympics. During his breathtaking week in the pool, seven of Phelps' eight victories were new world records.

But Phelps was not the only American making history at the Beijing games. Kobe Bryant led the men's basketball team, dubbed the "Redeem Team," to a gold medal and helped vindicate U.S. basketball after a poor showing four years ago. Nastia Liukin won the women's gymnastics all-around and tied the American record for most gymnastics medals at one Olympics with five.

Perhaps the fastest-rising star outside of Phelps' pool was Jamaica's Usain Bolt, who ran a 9.69 in the 100 meters to win the gold and shatter the previous world record.



2008 OLYMPICS MEDAL COUNT

	TOTAL	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
1 – United States	110	36	38	36
2 – China	100	51	21	28
3 – Russia	72	23	21	28
4 – Great Britain	47	19	13	15
5 – Australia	46	14	15	17

FAR-REACHING STORM ►
Hurricane Ike devastated Galveston, Texas, when it hit Sept. 13, and caused damage and power outages in at least 10 states from Texas to Ohio. At least 200 people were still missing at year's end. Also in the wake of the storm, the southeast U.S. experienced grave gasoline shortages.

LIVING THE GOOD LIFE ▼
British alternative rock band Coldplay released the album they spent the previous two years working on, *Viva la Vida or Death and All His Friends*, and it became one of the best selling records of the year. The quartet also landed seven Grammy nominations and launched a successful tour.

A LONG TIME COMING ▲
The Philadelphia Phillies won just the second world title in their 125-year history by defeating the Tampa Bay Rays in the World Series. By winning a rain-soaked Game 5 that was delayed for two days by storms, the Phillies ended Tampa's hopes of going from the worst record in baseball to the championship.

CONTAMINATED FORMULA KILLS ◄
In China, several babies died and more than 12,000 were hospitalized after drinking baby formula contaminated with melamine. Melamine also was found in chocolate and other products exported from China to other countries, including the United States. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration began limiting imports of Chinese dairy products until they were free of melamine.

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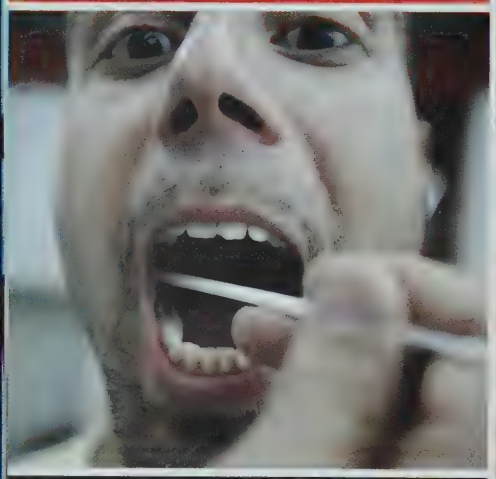
DNA SELF TEST ▼
Over-the-counter home DNA tests could now be found at the local drugstore. Kits and results could be purchased for as little as $200, and all they required was a swab of saliva. However, debates raged on the accuracy of the tests, as well as the ethical concerns.

GREEN MACHINE ▼
The Boston Celtics re-emerged as the dominant team in basketball when they defeated the L.A. Lakers to win the 2008 NBA title. Then, the Celtics picked up where they left off by beginning the new year winning 27 of their first 30 games.



NO JOKE ▲
Anchored by the haunting, tragic final performance of the late Heath Ledger as the Joker, Batman sequel *The Dark Knight* drew rave reviews and shattered box office records. Earning more than $500 million, *The Dark Knight* became one of the most commercially successful American movies ever made.

ROCKETS AND RETALIATION ◄
Israel declared war with Hamas, the Islamic militant group that rules Gaza, in an effort to stop continued rocket attacks from Gaza into southern Israel. Israeli officials said they were targeting militants in its air and ground assault of Gaza, while Hamas said it would continue to defend its people against Israeli aggression. The Israeli offensive lasted 22 days.

EPIC WIN ◄
Despite playing on what was later found to be a torn knee ligament and a stress fracture in his left leg, Tiger Woods played through the pain and won his third U.S. Open title, defeating Rocco Mediate in a playoff. Afterwards, surgery on the leg forced Woods to miss the remainder of the season, the first extended absence of his pro career.

PHOENIX LANDING ▼
NASA's Phoenix spacecraft became the sixth vehicle to make a successful landing on Mars. Phoenix conducted more than five months of experiments before losing contact, more than expected, and discovered the presence of ice on the red planet.

SULLY SAVES THE DAY ▲
An experienced pilot, Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, was hailed a hero when he crash-landed his US Airways plane into the Hudson River in New York after the engines failed during the takeoff ascent. All 155 passengers and crew on board survived by escaping onto the wings, where ferries and U.S. Coast Guard boats rescued them. Birds were initially blamed for blowing the engines.

STILL ON TOP ◄
Despite ratings being down slightly, American Idol was still the most watched show on TV, averaging more than 27 million viewers a week. David Cook was chosen the winner of the 7th season, and changes were made for the show's 8th season when producer Kara DioGuardi was added as a fourth judge.

BOX OFFICE NUMBERS Source: boxofficereport.com

The Dark Knight	$530 million
Iron Man	$318 million
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull	$317 million
Hancock	$227 million
WALL-E	$223 million

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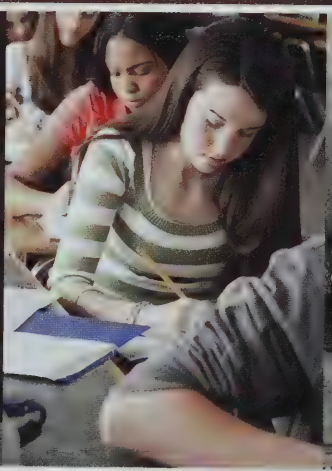
STEEL RESOLVE ►
The Pittsburgh Steelers ended a memorable Super Bowl XLIII when wide receiver Santonio Holmes grabbed the game-winning touchdown in the corner of the end zone with less than a minute left in the game to defeat the Arizona Cardinals, 27-23. It was the sixth Super Bowl victory for the Steelers, the most for any NFL team.

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM ▼
Rapper Lil Wayne's latest album, *Tha Carter III*, was one of the best selling records of the year, going platinum five times. It also earned him eight Grammy nominations, more than any other musical artist.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES ▲
Big purses were one of the big fashion statements. Needing money to print tests, a California high school calculus teacher, Tom Farber, began selling ads on his quizzes, tests and exams. The makers of Bratz dolls were appealing an order to stop making them after Mattel Inc., makers of Barbie dolls, won a four-year legal dispute.

VAMPIRE TALES ◄
Twilight, the first novel in the popular "Twilight" series about a teenage girl who falls in love with a fellow high school student who is a vampire, was made into a movie that drew huge box office numbers. The success of the books, and the first film, led to early plans for a second movie.

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